U.S. Declares Accused Spies Won't Leave Posts in Paris

State Department Says Allegations in French Press Are 'Unwarranted'

WASHINGTON — The United States said Thursday that the American diplomats involved in a spy scandal in France would serve out their postings in Paris despite a French request that they be re-

France said Wednesday it had recommended that the five Americans involved, four of them diplomats, should leave. But Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said the recommendation did not amount to expul-

In Washington, the State Department spokeswoman, Christine Shelly, said: "Since our personnel have not specifically been requested to leave," they will follow the normal rotation.

A U.S. official said Wednesday, however, that one or two of the diplomats, who were due to leave in any case some time this spring, may be withdrawn earlier. "I would not rule out early rotation in some cases," he said.

The U.S. government has not responded in detail to the espionage charges although a State Department statement issued Wednesday evening said that what it called French press allegations were "unwarrant-

The statement also accused the French government of handling the matter in a manner "inconsistent with the approach that allies have taken to resolve sensitive matters in the past."

Asked whether the affair could be linked to the French presidential election in May, Miss Shelly told reporters: "I think it's

A senior U.S. administration official, who asked not to be identified, said Thursday that Washington believed the French spy issue may die down now. The French have said what they have to

said the official, who was traveling with President Bill Clinton to Canada. He added: "I get the feeling that the French would like to see the issue subside."

Noting that the Americans allegedly involved had not been declared persona non grata, he said: "It would have been unwarranted. That's not the way allies deal with

Craig R. Whitney of The New York Commission.
Times reported from Paris:

Mr. Juppe said Thursday that he was shocked that French accusations of economic espionage by the CIA station chief and four other Americans here had been

leaked to the press.
"I am scandalized that a delicate problem between us - and this is not the first time that such a problem has arisen could be dragged out into the open this way." Mr. Juppe said, calling for a thorough public inquiry into how the daily newspaper Le Monde had obtained government documents on the case.

if there ever was any doubt that the affair had more to do with the French presidential campaign than with any grave crisis between France and its oldest ally, Mr. Juppé dispelled it.

The foreign minister, who supports Mayor Jacques Chirac of Paris in the race for president over Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, said: "There is no crisis whatsoever between France and the United States. We had no intention to go public on this affair." The clear implication was that somebody else did - the chief of the French counterespionage service, Interior

Minister Charles Pasqua.

Mr. Pasqua is the cabinet's leading supporter of Mr. Balladur, who used to be the front-runner in the race for the presidency but is now running neck and neck in public opinion polls with his fellow conservative Mr. Chirac and Lionel Jospin, the Socialist Party candidate.

One reason for Mr. Balladur's loss of momentum was the disclosure early this week that he had approved a telephone tapping operation recommended by Mr. Pasqua on grounds that later turned out to

be legally insufficient.

If Mr. Pasqua was looking for a way to distract attention from the wiretapping scandal, casting the spotlight on the big power the French most love to hate - the United States — was perhaps the obvious

In any case, it was Mr. Pasqua who has held most of the strings in the investigation since 1993, and on Jan. 26 he took the unusual step of summoning Ambassador

one American diplomat here, Mrs. Harriman thought Mr. Pasqua just wanted to clap eyes on her. "She went because she had no reason to think it was anything unusual," the diplomat said. Instead, Mr. Pasqua told her that his

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Striking French seamen's unions forced British ferries to divert to Belgian ports in a dispute over a company's use of non-European Union labor. Page 2.

China Warns U.S. to Back Off on Rights or Face Break

By Patrick E. Tyler New York Times Service

BEUING — China is threatening a new rupture in relations unless the United States backs away from a proposed United Nations resolution criticizing its human rights record.

The warning was made Wednerday by officials who summoned the U.S. ambassador to discuss the resolution, which has been raised and defeated repeatedly, with the United States as co-

"They want us to drop this thing, and they are taking a very hard line," a Western diplomat here said.

The resolution, to be presented in Geneva next month, comes as some leaders here express the belief that Washington's China policy is taking a malevolent turn, with new emphasis on enhancing Taiwan's standing and increasing pressure on trade. Adding to the increasing tension are other disputes and initiatives that have

created a sense of conflicting policy goals.
This week, while Beijing and Washingannual meeting of the UN Human Rights ton remain locked in contentious trade isolate Beijing have been heightened by

rampant copyright piracy in China, Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary is touring Beijing with corporate executives seeking power plant construction contracts.

cratic senator from Tennessee, will replace J. Stapleton Roy, a career diplomat who grew up in China, as ambassador.

The mention of Mr. Sasser's name has

If negotiations fail to win a Chinese commitment to enforce anti-piracy laws, Washington has threatened to impose 100 percent tariffs on \$1.08 billion in Chinese

There are other grievances as well.

Chinese suspicions that the Clinton adnegotiations to end what Washington calls reports that Jim Sasser, the former Demo-

The mention of Mr. Sasser's name has hardened some attitudes here because he has no background in Chinese affairs and because he joined members of Congress last year in nominating China's most fam-ous dissident, Wei Jingsheng, for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Mr. Clinton pledged to press human rights concerns when he decided last May to separate American trade policy toward

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Pakistan Frees 2 Christians Set to Hang for Blasphemy

confrontation with French police Thursday in the coastal city of Boulogne.

By John Ward Anderson Washington Past Service

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - A 14-yearold and his uncle who were sentenced to death for blasphemy in a case that prompted violent protests here and outrage throughout the world, were acquitted Thursday by a Pakistani high court.

Salamat Masih, 14, and his uncle Rehmat Masih, about 40, were found not guilty by a two-judge panel of the Lahore High Court. The ruling overturned a lower court verdict that condemned the two Christians for allegedly writing blasphe-mous remarks against the Prophet Mo-

Defense attorneys argued that Salamat Massh, who was 12 years old at the time of the alleged offense, and his uncle are both illiterate and unable to write, and thus could not have committed the crime. Blasphemy against Islam carries a mandatory death sentence in Pakistan.

In an event that made international headlines at the beginning of the first trial last year, Salamat and his uncle were shot and a third defendant was killed in an attack by religious fanatics who sprayed them with shotgun fire at a Lahore bus

"We are happy and extremely relieved, and we're appreciative of the fact that we've been able to get justice from the courts here," said Hina Jilani, a defense attorney. She added that she was concerned about the safety of the two and had asked the government to guard them.

Washington Post Service

Unfazed by big-screen mayhem and gore, the news last year that America's favorite movie snack is an X-rated health

hazard has sent moviegoers screaming from the concession stands.

ater owners to swallow.

It has been a bitter kernel for U.S. the-

Cineplex Odeon of Toronto, the United

States' third-largest theater owner, on Wednesday blamed 43 percent of its \$14.2

million loss last year on croding popcom

sales and the costs of trying to put some

Howard Lichtman, executive vice presi-

A widely publicized study by the Wash-

dent of Cineplex Odeon, said the culprit

sizzle back in the chain's snacks.

was "The Great Popcorn Oil Spill."

Talk about a disaster popping up.

Government prosecutors said they would appeal the decision to the Pakistan Supreme Court. It is relatively unusual, however, for the high court to agree to hear

an appeal of an acquittal, Miss Jilani said.
The case has been cited by human rights activists, government officials and intellectuals as evidence of rising Islamic fanaticism and growing intolerance toward religious minorities in Pakistan, where about 96 percent of the 126 million citizens are The case initially was used by the gov-ernment of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto

as a catalyst to liberalize the country's blasphemy laws, but the government abandoned the effort in the face of protests by Pakistan's powerful Muslim clergy.

A handful of people have been sen-tenced to death for blasphemy in Pakistan, but all the cases remain on appeal and no one has been executed. Critics charge that the laws, which de-

fine blasphemy as anything that "by any imputation, innuendo or insinuation, directly or indirectly, defiles the sacred name of the Holy Prophet Mohammed," are abused by Muslim fundamentalists to harass Christians and other minorities. Because of security concerns, Salamat

and his uncle did not appear at the appeals trial, which started Feb. 15 and was disrupted almost daily by fundamentalists. Muslim extremists rioted Thursday out-

side the courthouse, which was heavily protected by riot police armed with assault weapons. The police dispersed the mob, which smashed traffic lights.

ington-based Center for Science in the Public Interest said last April that a medi-

um, plain serving of popcorn had twice as

much saturated fat as a Big Mac and large

ing the popcorn blues: United Artists,

AMC and General Cinema - with a total

of more than 5,000 screens - also blamed

the popcorn panic for falling sales and

The movies didn't help much either, Mr.

"In 1993 we had 'Jurassic Park,' which

But sales are plumping up again, theater

was a huge popcorn film," he said. "One of

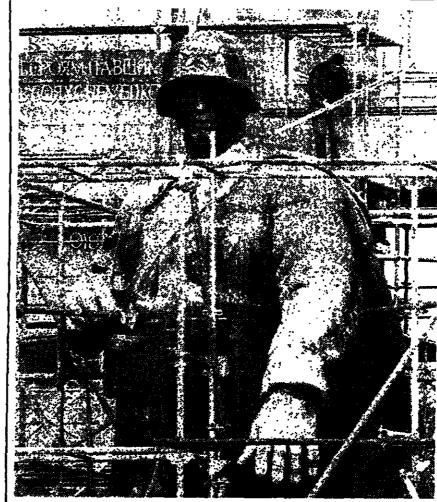
the biggest films of '94 was 'Forrest

Gump. That was not a popcorn film."

profit last year.

Lichtman said.

Cineplex Odeon was not alone in sing-



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BERLIN FACELIFT — Workers erecting scaffolding Thursday at the gigantic statue of a Soviet soldier at the Red Army's memorial in Berlin. The memorial is now being restored at a cost of more than \$4 million.

Reagan Attacker in Pact With Victims

WASHINGTON (AP) - John W. Hinckley Jr. has agreed to pay as much as \$2.9 million in possible book and movie proceeds to three men wounded in his 1981 assassination attempt against President Ronald Reagan, lawyers said Thursday.

The agreement, which the lawyers said he signed Monday at the mental hospital where he has been confined since he was found not guilty by reason

A U.S. Port Call in China

than a small share of the profit, lawyers said. The financial benefits would go to the three men besides Mr. Reagan who were wounded in the attack - James S. Brady, then the White House press secretary; Timothy J. McCarthy, then a Secret Service agent, and Thomas K. Delahanty, then a police officer.

of insanity, provides for Mr. Hinckley's cooperation in the sale of his life story.

But Mr. Hinckley would get no more

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Wall Street **Buys Into Favorable Forecasts**

Dow Breaches 4.000 As Greenspan Affirms Soft-Landing Scenario

> By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - Riding a wave of optimism that the Federal Reserve Board is steering the United States past a recession into a safe growth path, the stock market crossed a key frontier Thursday.

For the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average moved above 4,000 points, closing up 30.28 points, at 4,003.33, as Alan Greenspan, the central bank chairman, was telling Congress for the second straight day that he saw the U.S. economy "fortunately simmering down" from last year's "frantic, torrid pace" of growth above 4 percent.

This boils down to what is widely known as a soft landing -an economy that settles into moderate growth and tolerable inflation but avoids a recession, despite the central bank's seven interest rate increases in the past year. Wall Street literally bought the Fed chairman's forecast by piling into stocks and surpassing the previous record close of 3,987.52, set Feb. 16.

Biryini Associates, which tracks stock trading minute-by-minute, reported that by late morning mutual funds and other big institutional investors had bought \$500 million worth of stock, while smaller investors, mostly individuals, purchased \$80

Those trading levels were four to five times higher than normal. Biryini did not detect early program trading, the computer-driven strategies that can cause sharp moves but that are often reversed within several days. Buyers wanted plain-vanilla stocks, and lots of them.

The Dow has been flirting with 4,000 for weeks as interest rates declined. Long-term 30-year Treasury bonds yielded 7.55 percent late Thursday, down from 7.88 per-cent at the start of the year.

The falling returns on bonds diminishes their attraction relative to stocks, but it also signals the possibility of an economy sliding into recession, which would make it difficult for corporate earnings to expand, span's forecasts tipped sentiment away from those fears.

"Greenspan played the central role." said Neal Soss, a fund manager and former Fed official. "He said that the Fed had set out on a mission to keep inflation low and not kill the economy doing it, and it's proud of what it's done.

"The other part of the story is corporate profits. They are high in the 1990s because capital gets higher returns than labor. That's true the world over, and it's good for stock markets."

Edward Yardeni of C. J. Lawrence said that financial markets had been reading a series of weak statistics in employment, retail sales, home sales, and industrial production and had bought the soft-landing scenario, which he said was beginning to prove true earlier than many expected.

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U.S. Worries **About Bailouts** Down the Road

By David E. Sanger
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - As the United States and Mexico argued about the last details of a \$20 billion rescue plan last week, one of the Clinton administration's top economic officials fielded the same question time and again in his travels through Brazil and Argentina: If Mexico's ills spread, is the United States prepared to bail out its other big trading partners?

Much like other administration officials, from Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin to Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, Jeffrey E. Garten, the traveling undersecretary of commerce for international trade, hemmed and hawed a bit in response to the question.

"Of course, I told them Mexico was a very special case for us," Mr. Garten recalled replying, "because much more was at stake here than just trade. But honestly, no one can answer this question. And if we could, you could never signal the answer in

It is an uncomfortable question because it cuts to the heart of America's emerging post-Cold War role in the world. U.S.

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Mazda and Ford Move in Tandem, but Not Too Closely

By Steven Brull

IROSHIMA, Japan — As a senior executive for Ford Motor Co. in Venezuela, Germany and the United States, Henry D.G. Wallace honed his skills as a trouble-shooter by wandering into people's offices for informal talks that kept him in touch with corporate under-

But since joining Mazda Motor Corp. here last year as executive vice president, the tall, broad-shouldered Englishman has found his traditional approach hindered by an inability to speak Japanese and a rigid corporate cul-

"It's a kind of frustration," said Mr. Wallace, who at 6-feet 2-inches (1.88 meters) tall must often bow his head when entering of-fices at Mazda's headquarters. "You have to get your ideas embedded much lower into the organization at an earlier stage than in a Western company, and that's a big challenge for somebody in my position."

Cultural differences, however, are just the beginning of the challenges faced by Mr. Wallace and three other Western executives on loan from Ford. The American automaker owns 24.5 percent of Mazda and sent several of its top managers last year, responding to a request by Mazda's main creditor, Sumitomo

The immediate task was to inject management oversight that would help the unprofitable Japanese company move into the black. After an expected loss of 33 billion yen (\$340 million) in the year through March 1995, the company now says it may return to profitability in the next financial year. The expected loss this year is on a current basis, which is before taxes and includes investment returns.

The Ford executives, none of whom can function professionally in Japanese, have provided a presence that is helping Mazda to recover by making tough decisions to slash production, model lineups and work-force levels. But the nitty-gritty work of squeezing suppliers to lower costs or streamlining production methods is entirely the result of Mazda's work, Ford and Mazda executives said.

"Our current efforts to get out of the red have absolutely nothing to do with Ford," said Yoshihiro Wada, Mazda's president, who denied speculation that Ford executives had taken over effective management of the company. Given the long lead times in this industry, there's no possibility that our business with Ford will have any effect on Mazda's recovery this year or next."

NSTEAD, the primary focus of the Ford executives is the more important and long-term challenge: integrating Mazda into Ford's global production

The challenge goes beyond language and corporate culture to a fundamental reconsidcration of the basic systems Mazda uses to design and manufacture automobiles. The goal is to have Mazda design a platform the underbody and basic structural parts of a car - for vehicles that can be built at Ford and Mazda plants worldwide. The platform will have to allow both companies to fashion



Mazda cars rolling off an assembly line in Japan. The goal is to have common underbody and basic structural parts with Ford.

cars consistent with their own brand identi-

Designing a platform can cost billions of dollars and is the most expensive aspect of developing a new vehicle. By sharing a platform, Mazda and Ford can save money for improving environmental and safety technologies, reducing costs to consumers or building plants in emerging markets like China. In the past Ford and Mazda, as well as

Toyota Motor Co., General Motors Corp. and other companies have built different cars for different markets derived from the same platform. Ford is also in the process of integrating its European and North American design operations design operations.

UT never have two major companies agreed on a common global platform for a vehicle representing a vital segment of their product lineups.
"In terms of the size of the companies and

the level of integration, they are on the fron-tier," said Takahiro Fujimoto, an assistant professor of economics at Tokyo University.
"It will be very difficult, but it's almost an imperative for companies that want to survive as global players."

As more car companies develop and share platforms, Mr. Fujimoto added, the auto industry may come to resemble the personalcomputer industry, which is dominated by open architectures. If so, the 30 or so major car companies now operating may survive as interdependent entities rather than fold or consolidate into a small group of mammoth enterprises, as many predict.

"The number of world-class producers actually may increase with the emergence of Chinese and Korean companies in the future," Mr. Fujimoto said. Since Ford took its stake in Mazda in 1979,

the two companies have enjoyed an often tense, but mutually beneficial relationship considered among the closest in the industry. Ford helped in the early 1980s after rising oil prices hit sales of Mazda's cars, many of which relied upon gas-guzzling rotary engines. Mazda next came to Ford's rescue, tutoring the American company on how to

design small cars and manage lean-produc-

tion systems. The basic design of Ford's popular American Escort model, for instance, is based on Mazda's Familia model. In recent years, however, Ford has been dominant. Mazda's finances weakened after it introduced a slew of high-end vehicles just as Japan's economy entered its longest post-war recession. In 1992, Ford bought half of

AutoAlliance International, Mazda's plant near Detroit. Ford took over management of

the plant this year.

In Europe, Ford will begin to supply Mazda about 25,000 subcompact cars later this year, allowing the Japanese automaker to augment its lineup with locally produced vehicles without having to make a major investment in a new plant. By April or May, the companies will decide whether to produce pickup trucks jointly in a new plant in Thai-

Both companies also are investors in Kia Motors Corp. of South Korea. Ford holds 10 percent and Mazda has 8 percent.

Mr. Wallace and Mr. Wada denied specu-

lation that Ford might take a controlling stake in Mazda. Mr. Wallace said he did not know why Ford "would need to or want to."

"We recognize we're competitors in the marketplace," Mr. Wallace said. "But at the same time I would like to make sure that

Mazda is going to be strong in the future."

LTHOUGH the long-term relationship laid the groundwork, having Mazda design a global platform for both companies would require wrenching changes in the way it operates. Mazda remains very much a Japanese company, with ingrown business practices ill-suited to designing a global platform.

Its engineering tools — from the software

used to design and test components to the systems used for procuring parts worldwide
— are specific to Japan. Yet the global platform being considered would have to be produced on different continents and by differ-

Designing it would thus require an understanding of worldwide market and production requirements for both companies. Mazda engineers also would have to learn to communicate with component suppliers on three continents to get feedback during design.

Mr. Wallace reckons it will take the better part of this year to assess the prospects of having Mazda build a global platform. Even if all goes smoothly, it would not be until the end of the decade before a vehicle based on the platform rolls off an assembly line. The key issue is the extent to which the two companies' product cycles can mesh, providing mutual merit.
"I'm optimistic," Mr. Wallace said. "But

it's like standing at the bottom of a mountain looking up: You know where you want to get, but when you look at what's ahead that can give you a feeling of awe."

Egypt and Israel Fail to Budge From Arms Pact Impasse

By John Lancaster Washington Post Service

CAIRO - During a day of high-level diplomatic maneuvering, Egypt and Israel failed Thursday to resolve a dispute over the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty that has brought relations between the two countries to perhaps their lowest point since the 1979 Camp Da-

vid peace treaty.
Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel flew home empty-handed after failing to work out a compromise on the treaty dispute. Egypt has warned that unless israel signs the accord, it will withhold approval for indefinite extension of the treaty when it comes up for renewal in

April.
"On the issue of the treaty, we reached agreement on some points, we didn't reach agree-ment on others," Mr. Peres said Thursday morning after meet-ing with President Hosni Mubarak and Foreign Minister Amr Moussa of Egypt. We agreed to continue our consultations and negotiations in the near future.

A second meeting with Mr. Mubarak, which had been ten-tatively scheduled for Thursday afternoon, was canceled in an apparent sign of the wide gap separating the negotiating posi-tions of the two sides.

The dispute has raised fears in Western capitals that Egypt's example could inspire defections by other developing countries reluctant to foreclose their own nuclear options while more powerful nations retain them. Indefinite extension of the

treaty requires the signatures of 86 countries. The alternative would be to extend the treaty for a limited period, an out-come that the United States and its allies believe would undermine the accord's legitimacy.

Even if it makes good on its threat to withhold approval for indefinite extension, Egypt would still be bound by the treaty's provisions unless it chose to formally withdraw. Egypt has so far refrained from making that threat, raising hopes among Western diplomats that a compromise may still be possible.

Egyptian officials have suggested, for example, that Israel commit to signing the accord, if not in April, then after a specific time period agreed upon by

the two countries. Officials have also suggested that largel open its nuclear facilities to outside inspections, according to diplomats and reports in the Arabic-language press.

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'It seems to me they are now looking at language and posi-tions that will be possible to reconcile publicly," said a Western diplomat who has closely tracked the disagree-

The diplomat said Egypt appeared to be after "an Israeli commitment to join sometime, and they're going to justify it by making their own acceptance conditional" on Israel's following through on its promise.

Iraq Silent On Germ Program

BAGHDAD - Iraq is still keeping secret the scope of its past biological arms program, the UN disarmament chief, Rolf Ekeus, said here Thursday, dimming hopes of an end soon to the oil embargo.

"This is an area where, unfortunately, we stay quite apart from each other," Mr. Ekcus said at the end of a five-day

Iraq's information minister, Hamad Youssef Hammadi, countered that Mr. Ekens, chief of the United Nations Special Commission for Disarming Iraq, was being used to keep the more than four-year-old sanctions in place.

"Ekeus is part of the delaying game," Mr. Hammadi said.
"The purpose is to continue with the sanctions."

But Mr. Ekeus gave a positive assessment of his overall talks with Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz and the head of Iraq's military industrialization organization, General Amer Mohammed Rashid. He also reported progress in

collecting data on Iraq's chemical arms program, and added that UN weapons inspectors were "convinced" that Iraq did not have the capacity to produce nuclear bombs.

Ships Anchor Off Somalia as UN Prepares to Leave

By Donatella Lorch New York Times Service

ABOARD THE BELLEAU WOOD, off Somalia — Thousands of troops, scores of aircraft and more than 20 ships are poised off the coast of Somalia, part of an American-led operation to help the United Nations pull out its peacekeepers during the first week of March.

Senior military officials here say the show of military might, planned to avoid troop landings on religious holidays or on days when Somalis hold demonstrations, is meant as a limited mission with only peaceful objec-

But even though warring So-mali clan leaders told military commanders Wednesday that they would not attack during the evacuation, American officials say they are wary. Lieutenant General Anthony

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Zinni of the Marines, comon land, said increasing banditry, looting and constantly shifting political alliances made the situation in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, highly volatile.

face the worst-case threat," General Zinni said at a briefing on the amphibious assault ship Belleau Wood, just off the coast of Mogadishu.

but that is unlikely," he said. "One of our concerns is the spillover from inter-clan fight-ing. They're waving at me when I go ashore now. They'll throw rocks at me tomorrow."

rines, assisted by a small contingent of Italian marines, briefly go ashore, all but about 2,000 United Nations troops will have left. Already, the roughly 4,800 remaining UN epers have withdrawn to the port and airport in Moga-

mander of the coalition forces in late 1992, first as an Ameritroops leave. can-led mission to relieve a had killed tens of thousands of

But as it moved from a relief We've brought forces in to effort to an effort to rebuild a Somali government, the UN mission quickly became bogged fighting or broker agreements. "The worst case is a deliberate faction-based militia attack, keepers. Thirty Americans were

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As the United Nations de-By the time American Matween clans in Mogadishu as keepers.

famine and stop a civil war that be the port and the airport. The ment leased to the United Na-

In contrast to 1992, this time down, unable to prevent clan the American objectives are

killed and 175 wounded. parts, Somalia is still controlled and because the United States by warring clans. Western dip- is one of the few countries that lomats and relief workers are had the extensive equipment predicting an all-out battle be-needed to remove the peace-

dollar UN operation that began soon as the UN and American

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as U.S. troops go ashore again very limited, said Vice Admiral righting killed thousands of Scott Redd, the American over-Somalis and scores of peace- all commander for the region. Admiral Redd said American

troops were involved at the re- to avoid confrontation with the quest of the United Nations and hecause the United States In response to Somali re-

The U.S. military also wants to make sure that an estimated \$40 million of military equip-

military might even though the troops will not go beyond the port or airport.

There are 23 ships, of which 5 are American, 5 Italian and the rest British, French, Malaysian and Pakistani. There are 80 aircraft and 14,000 troops.

Every effort has been made quests, there will be few Americans ashore until the main contingent arrives for the final

Tutsi Prime Minister Is Named in Burundi

NAIROBI — Burundi's pres-The withdrawal brings to a ident has named a new prime close a sensitive, multibillion- minister to replace Anatole

resign last week by Tutsi who

considered him too conciliatory toward the Hutu government. President Sylvestre Ntiban-

unganya announced Wednesday night that the new prime minister would be another jumbura. Tutsi, Antoine Nduwayo, who had been nominated by the party, the Union for Progress and Development.

agreement, the prime minister

Kanyenkiko, who was forced to is supposed to come from the main opposition. Mr. Kanyenkiko resigned

Feb. 16 under pressure from the Tutsi party, which also called for a four-day general strike that paralyzed the capital, Bu-

The shake-up has further in creased fears that Burundi Tutsi-dominated opposition might erupt into an ethnic war similar to the one in neighbornd Development. ing Rwanda during which Under a power-sharing 500,000 people were killed last

Brazil Sees Lucrative Carnival

Compiled by Our Staff From Disposcher RIO DE JANEIRO — With a new currency and record low inflation. Brazil's economy is on the mend, and its citizens are looking forward to one of the most festive and prosperous Carnivals in memory.

Hoteliers report that reservations are up 20 percent from last year as tourists pour in for the annual four-day blowout.
"This will be one of the biggest Carnivais ever, a veritable factory of happiness for a week," said Heram Aranjo, an author and historian of Carnival.

What Brazilians call "the world's biggest party" officially begins Saturday and goes non-stop until Ash Wednesday. The high point, Rio's traditional two-day parade of "samba schools" along the concrete grandstands known as the Sambadrome," starts Sunday. Organizers say they have received more than 510,000 requests for the 70,000 tickets to the event.

The Brazilian Association of Travel Agents expects 380,000 foreign and Brazilian tourists to visit Rio during Carnival week and spend \$80 million in the city's hotels, restaurants and (AP, Reuters)

French Seamen Block U.K. Ferries

TRAVEL UPDATE

BOULOGNE, France — A Stena Sealink Channel ferry carrying 380 passengers from Dover was forced to change course for the Belgian port of Zeebrugge on Thursday after French seamen stopped it from docking in Calais. All British ferries sailing from Dover to France were being diverted to Zeebrugge to avoid trouble with the French strikers.

Earlier Thursday, the first day of a 48-hour national stoppage by the seamen, about 500 strikers clashed with not police in Boulogne. The police fired tear gas to disperse the seamen, some of whom hurled eggs, witnesses said. There were no immediate reports of injuries or arrests in the 10-minute clash. All ferry service from France to Britain was halted, along with

links to Corsica and other French islands. But a threatened blockade of the Channel Tunnel did not materialize. The strike was called by seamens unions to protest the hiring of Polish crews by Britain's Meridian Ferries. Meridian's crew are mainly Polish and are paid less than half the minimum monthly rate for French sailors of 7,000 francs (\$1,350).

A strike by Scandinavian Airlines System ground staff loomed after the collapse of pay talks Thursday. The 1,700 Danish SAS ground staff members said they would strike next Thursday. which would paralyze domestic as well as SAS's international flights through its Copenhagen hub. The Turkish government, citing reasons of national security,

ordered workers of state-owned Turkish Airlines to postpone for 60 days a strike over pay planned for Friday. But 2,300 workers in the ground handling crew, which was not affected by the govern-ment's ruling, said they would go on strike. (Reuters) Indian Airlines will start charging foreigners 15 percent more than it does local residents, an official said. The move, to take

effect May 1, will bring the airline 200 million rupees (\$6.4 million) in new revenue, the official said. South Korea and Israel agreed Thursday to waive visa requirements for short-term visits, allowing one another's nationals to visit for 90 days visa-free effective May 24, the Foreign Ministry

Air-India's cabin crew association unilaterally stopped a nineday job action, an airline spokeswoman said Thursday. Members had been reporting sick to protest suspension orders issued to 19 crew members and to demand better working conditions, includ-

ing the right to refuse to serve liquor.

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Democrats Get Taste Of Political Limbo

Deposed Kings of the Hill See How the Other Half Lived

By Katherine Seelye New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - When presidents come calling on Capitol Hill, they are usually ushered into stately neoclassical suites or one of the larger cere-monial rooms. But when Bill Clinton came to talk with the 204 House Democrats, they found themselves shunted off into a utilitarian room in the labyrinthine basement of the Capitol, with gray walls and low ceilings and not much room for dignity.

Mr. Clinton joked to those shoehorned in with him that at cans. The most liberal members least they could all see each other. A congressional aide said the Democrats were grateful even for this. "It's been so hard to get rooms for anything," she said. "We feel lucky to have gotten a room at all."

Once synonymous with the term majority party, the Demo-crats are finding out how the other half lived.

Some are adjusting, others are not.

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But as the Republicans celebrated their first 50 days in power on Wednesday, halfway to their promised deadline to overturn two or three generations of Democratic ideals, the opposition remains in a slump, strung out between post-election shock syndrome and a chronic inability to get with the

Representative Jim McDermott, Democrat of Washington and a psychiatrist, has been loss: denial, apathy, anger and

"You find people in all of these stages," he said. "There are people still denying. They are crafting legislation that they actually think will pass. That's denial. But you can't go through a loss without going through these stages."

Unwittingly, the once-dominant Democrats make for a sur-prisingly compliant opposition. They may have 204 members in the House, but they do not come close to having 204 votes. Sometimes, 50 or 100 or 200 of them will side with the Republimarch to their own drummers.

At the same time, two dozen conservative Democrats have taken the formal step of declaring their independence, bring-ing themselves to the brink of ession and raising the basic question of what it means to be

From the Republican vannot grounded in reality.

"They have not accepted, in a psychological sense, the election results," said Tony Blankthe spokesman for Newt ngrich, speaker of the House. "They don't really see Dick Armey as majority leader and Newt Gingrich as speaker. They know Dick and Newt are those roles, but they think tate has put them in a parallel universe where the real reality doesn't exist."

In addition to their denial and their multifactionalism, the Democrats also appear to be watching his colleagues struggle leaderless, in part because there through the different stages of are no followers.



House Republicans holding aloft American flags and copies of their "Contract With America" during a rally on Capitol tage point, the Democrats are Hill to mark the halfway point of what they call their "revolution" to revamp the federal government in 100 days.

> James A. Thurber, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University.

Referring to Richard A. Gep-hardt, the Democratic leader in the House, and Thomas A. Daschle, the leader in the Senate, he said: "You've got Gephardt competing with the presi-dent, and Daschle floundering, and they cannot define their core philosophy."

These 50 days have been particularly grim for Democrats as dom. Individual House mem- Schumer of New York likes to

leaders if you have people who through their agenda. Demo-chairmen, may have lost their are unwilling to be led," said crats controlled both houses platforms, but minority-party plus the White House for two stage as long as the Senate years and failed to move big legislation like health care or keeps the filibuster. welfare reform. And their own leaders blocked the kind of in- talk about a certain liberation

> getting credit for. Democrats in the Senate has lost 25 pounds, a little more seem less dispirited than those than 11 kilograms, since the in the House, in part because election because he has more they have been in the minority time to exercise. "This is adding before, but also because each five years to my life," he said. senator has his or her own fief-

and that Republicans are now

"The institution has weak they watch Republicans push bers, particularly committee say that being in the minority is afters if you have neonle who through their agenda. Demo-chairmen, may have lost their "more fun, less fulfilling." But he said the Democrats senators will always have a would eventually regroup. "It is too soon to say what

our 10 basic bills are or what But Democrats on both sides issues we'll run on in '96," he said. "Not until the summer ternal reforms that are popular in not being responsible for will our positive message start its work. complicated legislation. Mr. But he said the Democrats McDermou, for one, says he

would be organized by the time the public was disenchanted with the Republicans and particularly with Mr. Gingrich. "By July, the contract will be Representative Charles E. greatly modified or not

Republicans Propose Bleeding or Killing Many Aid Programs

By Jerry Gray New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Setting the tone for promised reductions in the federal budget, House Republicans have proposed the first of up to \$15 billion in cuts to the current budget, marking for elimination many social programs championed by Democrats for decades.

Calling the action a first installment on their promise to balance the budget, Republi-cans approved cuts in job training and education programs, assistance to homeless youth and veterans, foreign aid to Russian republics, UN peacekeeping aid and federal subsidies to the Corporation for Public Broad-

casting.

If they stand, the cuts approved by five subcommittees on Wednesday, and those that will be made by eight other panels in the next few days, will eliminate many of the social programs that conservatives have criticized as wasteful and

But the Democrats, with President Bill Clinton in the forefront, have already begun to fight back, and many of the midyear cuts are expected to run into resistance in the Senate, which will not take them up until the House has completed

The most influential of the subcommittees — labor, health and human services and education — proposed cutting \$4.3 billion affecting 142 programs, including 84 that were targeted for elimination.

Among them were dozens of youth-training and education programs, such as the Clinton administration's "Goals 2000," which sets national standards for secondary education.

Republicans would also reduce the \$3.5 billion Head Start program by \$105 million; eliminate \$1.3 billion for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance program, which provides fuel oil to the needy, and mark for termination a host of grants, such as the National Science Scholars (\$4.4 million) and the Javits Fellowships (\$7.5 mil-

The Corporation for Public nificant help from Democrats Broadcasting's \$285.6 million to achieve the two-thirds' ma-The Corporation for Public

this year, but would be cut by about 15 percent or \$47 million in 1996, and about 30 percent

or \$94 million in 1997. Representative David R. Obey. Democrat of Wisconsin and the ranking member on the panel, said, "It represents the first whack in what the speaker has said will be the total elimination of funding for the Cor-poration for Public Broadcast-

The Republicans' spending plans for this year also would drastically alter some foreignaid policies.

They would cut \$47.7 million of a promised \$850 million in assistance to the new, independent states of the former Soviet Union, and \$4.5 million of the \$75 million that the United States had pledged to contrib-ute this year to United Nations peacekeeping operations.

A last-minute appeal from

the White House spared aid to Egypt and Jordan from the list. Other programs facing elimination are the drug-free schools program (\$481.9 million), an education program for home-less youth (\$28.8 million), job training for homeless veterans (\$5 million) and a program to provide a high school equivalency diploma to migrants (\$8.1 million), as well as a college assistance program for mi-grants (\$2.2 million).

"There's too much money and too much personnel to administer — we have to cut something," said John E. Por-ter, Republican of Illinois and chairman of the health, labor and education subcommittee, noting that there were 163 federal job-training programs and

240 education programs. The cuts, known as rescissions, are part of a midyear review that is a common occurrence on Capitol Hill.

But the Republicans' proposed cuts are more ambitious than usual - Mr. Clinton proposed only \$1.1 billion — and are designed to give them both fiscal and political mileage.

With majorities in both the House and the Senate, the Re-publicans think they can pass the bills. But Mr. Clinton could veto the legislation, and the Republicans would then need sigoudget was not targeted for cuts jority to override a veto.

POLITICAL NOTES

Clinton Praises Canadian Unity

OTTAWA — President Bill Clinton gave strong backing Thursday to a united Canada in the face of Quebec's latest independence drive, telling Parliament that Canada is a model of how people of different cultures can live together.

"In a world darkened by ethnic conflicts that tear nations apart, Canada stands as a model to the entire world of how people of different cultures can live together in peace, prosperity and mutual respect," Mr. Clinton said to loud ap-

The American's comment was a modification in its policy of strict neutrality on efforts by some Quebec politicians to secode from Canada and was likely to stir sharp debate in America's northern neighbor. After his speech, Mr. Clinton was to meet Quebec's separatist leader, Lucien Bouchard.

Mr. Clinton, on a two-day visit to Canada, reminded Parliament of a comment that President Harry Truman made in the same locale in 1947: "Canada's notable achievement of national unity and progress through accommodation, moderation and forbearance can be studied with profit by sister

"Those words ring every bit as true today," he said.

Battle Brews on Affirmative Action

WASHINGTON - Republican calls to dismantle affirmative action programs are creating tensions in both parties, with some Republicans fearful that they will be accused of racial insensitivity and some Democrats uneasy about the political consequences of drawing battle lines on the issue.

The debate, which has extended to the early skirmishing among candidates for the Republican presidential nomination, reached the House floor for the first time Tuesday night. All but 44 Democrats joined Republican lawmakers in killing a federal program that provides tax breaks to companies that sell broadcast outlets to minorities.

Republicans had made it especially difficult for Democrats to buck the repeal of the program because it was tied to a popular 25 percent tax deduction for self-employed people who buy their own health insurance.

Some Republican lawmakers worry that, like abortion, affirmative action will only distract them from more important matters, while others believe the climate is ripe for attacking what they consider to be unconstitutional protections of certain groups of people at the expense of others.

Some Democrats are eager to engage the Republicans in debate on affirmative action. Others, still reeling from the November elections and the defection of white male voters. are uncertain about pursuing a strategy to defend programs aimed at remedying discriminatory patterns. (WP)

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Senator Richard G. Lugar, Republican of Indiana, on the "Contract With America" legislative agenda: "I don't recall in Indiana or elsewhere in the nation where I campaigned, the foreign policy plank discussed. Suddenly, because it's in the 'Contract With America' it zips in here on the Senate side. Certainly the Senate in its deliberative qualities will think about them some more, examine them and maybe save the country from the worst excesses."

Mexico Abducts Rebel's Kin, Group Says

By Tod Robberson Washington Post Service

ORIZABA, Mexico — Federal police-men abducted the brother and parents of a Mexican rebel leader here earlier this month, apparently to use them as bargaining chips to win the rebel's surrender, according to Mexican human-rights observ-

The accusations are among a list of complaints by human rights groups that Mexican government forces have engaged in summary executions, torture, illegal searches and unconstitutional arrests in trying to quell a peasant rebellion begun almost 14 months ago in the southern state of Chiapas.

Critics accuse the government of using desperate measures to wipe out the upris-ing by the Zapatista National Liberation Army in hopes of restoring foreign inves-

Peru Offensive

Kills 13 Soldiers.

Ecuador Asserts

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dor said Thursday that at least

13 of its soldiers were killed and

15 wounded in renewed border

fighting with Peru despite the

presence of foreign observers

trying to monitor a cease-fire.

An Ecuadoran military offi-

cer said that a large Peruvian offensive launched Wednesday

had doubled the death toll

among Ecuadoran forces to 25

since hostilities began Jan. 26.

He said many Peruvians had

been killed by land mines sur-rounding Ecuadoran positions.

ean, Argentine and U.S. mili-

tary observers flew to northern

Peru after visiting the Ecuador-an side of the border to find the

Ecuador, meanwhile, called

an urgent meeting of the Orga-

nization of American States on

Thursday, saying that the re-newed fighting had shattered

two nations still fighting.

A mission of Brazilian, Chil-

QUITO, Ecuador - Ecua-

tor confidence in a nation undergoing eco-

On Monday, the government an-nounced the first death of a rebel since President Ernesto Zedillo ordered the military sweep of rebel strongholds on Feb. 9. The government said the man had been killed during a rebei attack on a patrol.

But in a report from La Grandeza, The Associated Press quoted the victim's wife as saying he had been shot in the face by troops as he lay on the ground with his hands bound. Neither version of the events could be confirmed independently.

The government's National Human Rights Commission asserted in a report this week that at least four of seven alleged Zapatistas captured in southern Veracruz state this month bore signs of torture and that they appeared to have been forced to

Another rebel leader whom the govern-

ment claims was captured by the police here in Orizaba, 240 kilometers (150 miles) southwest of Mexico City, may have been prompted to surrender after the police stormed his family's house and dragged away the suspect's father, mother and

Mariclaire Acosta, a human rights activist, accused agents of the Federal Judicial Police of holding the family hostage to force the surrender of the suspect, Francisco Alejandro Santiago García.

■ Zedillo Pushes for Talks

Less than two weeks after he launched a failed manhunt to capture the head of the uprising, President Zedillo has offered the rebel leader protection in an effort to open peace talks.

Mr. Zedillo said he would ask Congress to help draw up a law that would guarantee the security of all rebel leaders who agreed to take part in future negotiations.

Away From Politics

 Little progress has been made in recent years in narrowing the income gap between whites and blacks, according to two reports issued by the Census Bureau. The reports said that in 1993 the median income for black men employed full time was \$23,020, about three-quarters of the \$31,090 for white men, a proportionate disparity that improved only slightly

• A notebook bearing the fingerprints of two Muslim fundamentalists convicted of bombing the World Trade Center was found in a car belonging to the man accused of murdering Rabbi Meir Kahane, two law-enforcement officials testified at the trial of 11 men in New York. They are accused of plotting to bomb buildings and bridges in the city and of being involved in Rabbi Kahane's killing.

• The United States plans a monument to honor veterans of the Korean War, said General John M. Shalikashvili, chair-man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It will be located opposite the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

 Hours after giving a standing ovation to James S. Brady. who became a gun-control advocate after he was crippled in 1981 in an attack on President Ronald Reagan, the Virginia House of Delegates passed a law allowing virtually any lawabiding resident over 21 to carry a concealed weapon. (WP)

A Vaccine for Hepatitis A

Reuters an inflamation of the liver, were WASHINGTON — The reported in the United States in U.S. Food and Drug Adminis- 1992, although 100,000 to tration has approximately the first transfer of the control of the liver, were reported in the United States in 1992, although 100,000 to vaccine to prevent hepatitis A, a ed to be infected every year. common travelers' disease

person-to-person contact. The agency said SmithKline Beecham was given the license to market the vaccine, Havrix, which is already sold in more

than 40 countries.

tration has approved the first 150,000 Americans are estimat-It said the vaccine was tested

spread by food or water or close in Thailand under the auspices of the U.S. Armed Forces Research Institute for Medical Sciences and the Thai govern-

ment.
Of more than 19,000 Thai children given the vaccine, the Agency officials said more effectiveness rate was 84 perthan 23,000 cases of hepatitis A, cent, the agency reported.

Hard Times on the Beachfront at Uruguay's Jet-Set Resort

By Calvin Sims

New York Times Service PUNTA DEL ESTE, Uraguay — It is summer in the Southern Hemisphere, and once again this resort town on the Atlantic has been transformed

into a playground for Latin America's jet-setters. Punta del Este is South America's version of Palm Beach or the French Riviera, a place where luxury apartment towers line avenues along pristine beaches and where rows of million-dollar ing inflation in Uruguay, regional fallout from homes with manicured gardens and miniature the Mexico currency crisis and uncertainty over

rolling hills sit in pine forests. Up and down its miles of white sandy beaches dotted with colorful umbrellas sunbathers bask Rafael Pérez, who manages a café here. in the summer glow as windsurfers, jet skiers and

speed boats vie for space on the open sea. The day in Punta Del Este begins between noon and 2 during summer, when visitors rise from a night of vigorous partying that typically ends about 6 A.M. Dinner parties start at midnight and most clubs and discos do not open until 2 A.M., the hour when most shops and

500,000, mainly affluent Argentines, who take summer in Punta, to avoid giving any impression the 40-minute plane ride from Buenos Aires. This summer, however, a visitor could well believe that Punta del Este was in the middle of a

On Gorlero Avenue, the main thoroughlare, elegant boutiques, trendy cafés and souvenir shops were mostly empty.

The word around town was that the Argentines were hurting this year because of accelerat-

coming elections at home. "This is one of the worst years ever," said "All I hear are complaints, complaints that the

prices are too high. And this from snobby Argentines who used to throw pesos around like they were money from a Monopoly game." Making matters worse for Punta, as the town is commonly called, was a campaign by Argenti-na this year that encouraged residents to spend

their vacations within the country.

It was accompanied by a directive from the Between December and March, the popula-tion of Punta del Este swells from 15,000 to hibiting government officials from spending the ing most of the 100 or so hibiting government officials from spending the more than \$1 million each.

that his administration was living lavishly.

The only businesses that seemed to do well this

the cease-fire. (Reuters, AFP) Mediators led by a Brazilian general, Ariel Pereira de Fonseca, center, at the Coangas post.

year were supermarkets, which tourist officials here said reported a 50 percent rise in sales attributed mainly to more Argentines' doing their own cooking instead of eating at

Along the beaches, many Argentines could be seen cooking their own barbecue and making sandwiches, something that several years ago would have seemed unthinkable here. But a coffee can cost as much as \$5.

Tourist officials here said the number of Argentines visiting Punta in January dropped 5.2 percent to 45,773 people from 48,287 in the same month last year. A survey of local merchants 30 percent, the officials said.

Real-estate brokers said that sales and rentals of apartments and houses were down by about 40 percent this year. Argentines make up an estimated 85 percent of the visitors to Punta and hold about 55 percent of the real estate, includ-ing most of the 100 or so mansions valued at

Tourism is the third most important industry in Uruguay, and Punta del Este is the centerpiece. But with fewer Argentines coming to Punta and spending less, officials here are looking elsewhere for visitors.

Luis Sader, director of the Punta del Este Tourism Association, said that an advertising campaign abroad was attracting wealthy Brazilian lourists. Mr. Sader said his group was also seeking tourists from Europe and the United States.

Part of the change in Punta is attributed to the rowing number of middle-class Argentines who have started coming to this resort. In contrast to the richest Argentines, who remain for several weeks or even months in property they rent or own, the middle-class visitors tend to spend only found that on average revenue was down about a few days here and watch their money very

> Alicia Dentone, a 16-year-old college student whose family spends every summer in Punta, this year renting an apartment for \$7,000 for one month, said she was heading back to Buenos Aires a week early because she was bored.

"There's no one here this year and the atmosphere just wasn't the same," she said.

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By Jim Mann and Art Pine Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration has decided to have U.S. Navy ships make a port call in China this spring in a new step aimed at improving military cooperation be-tween the two countries, U.S. officials

It will be the first visit by U.S. warships to China since before 1989 crackdown on democracy demonstrations there. The last port call was a hurried and chaotic one in which U.S. ships pulled into Shanghai just as hundreds of thousands of demonstrators were

gathering on the streets of Beijing. "It was a bloody disaster," James R. Lilley, then the U.S. ambassador to China, recalled of the 1989 port call. "We got the Seventh Fleet out of there fast. The commanders were supposed to fly to Beijing for a banquet in the Great Hall of the People, but we can-

celed that trip. China declared martial port calls is to help defuse or stave off law the next day."

Now, with times more tranquil, U.S. officials have decided to revive this process by making a low-profile call to a port in northeastern China, though the date has not been decided. A U.S. military official said a decision had been made to have a navy ship visit China, and senior administration officials confirmed there will be a port call

Despite the apparent similarities to the port calls made to China in the late 1980s, the reasons for making them are considerably different now.

During the 1980s, the Reagan and Bush administrations viewed these port calls as a way of demonstrating that the U.S. and Chinese navies were capable of working together to offset the threat of growing Soviet naval power in the Pacific.

Soviet enemy, the main purpose for the cedures to prevent such incidents.

tensions between the United States and China, which has been rapidly modernizing its navy.

In October, the American aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk and a Chinese nuclear submarine squared off in interna-tional waters off China's coast in an encounter that demonstrated the growing potential for naval conflict between the two countries.

Although no shots were fired, the captain of the Kitty Hawk sent aircraft to track the Chinese vessel with antisubmarine warfare devices. China responded by scrambling jet fighters to-ward the American planes. Afterward, a Chinese official warned that China's military would have authority to shoot in any future incidents.

he threat of growing Soviet naval ower in the Pacific.

Pentagon officials have said recently that they hope to start talks with Chi-nese military leaders on setting up pro-

way in trying to restore ties between U.S. and Chinese military officials. From the 1989 Tiananmen Square upheavals until 1993, there were no highlevel contacts of any kind between U.S. and Chinese military officials.

"I think it is important for our government to have a good working relationship with a country as important as China," Mr. Perry said in October. "I think that should include a defenseto-defense relationship."

Some critics charge that the Pentagon's efforts conflict with other aspects of the Clinton administration's policy toward China. While the Defense and Commerce departments are trying to improve ties with Beijing, U.S. trade officials are threatening China with trade sanctions for copyright violations, and the State Department is condemning China for human rights violations.

Defense Secretary William J. Perry, "We've got some smart people at the who visited Beijing last fall, has led the Department of Defense, but they're trying to carry the whole weight of the relationship on their shoulders," said Douglas Paal, former head of Asian affairs for President George Bush's National Security Council, referring to the U.S. relationship with China. There's no coherent policy behind

> Clinton administration officials respond that the U.S. ties with China are complex enough to encompass a number of cross-currents at the same time.

> "Our relationship with China is greater than the sum of its parts," a senior administration official said this

Administration officials say a visit to Beijing next week by Winston Lord. the assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs, is aimed at discussing the broad range of ties between the two countries and at laying the basis for cooperation.

> onto planes bound for Vietnam. Brian Bresnihan, Britain's representative for Hong Kong

> "Hong Kong came to this meeting with the objective of

seeing agreement on changes to

procedures which will enable repatriation to be stepped up," Mr. Bresnihan said. "Agree-

ment was secured on this

The meeting of about 30 nations was called to discuss the United Nations' 1989 Compre-

Asian nations have com-plained that too much bureau-

cracy was hampering repatria-

cost that Hong Kong had to

tion of the refugees, who began

Vietnam Refugees

To Go Home by '95

ese refugees agreed Thursday at the meeting, said the British that all Victnamese in Asian territory expected to see the last

camps would be repatriated by of its Vietnamese refugees

about half the region's Vietnamese asylum seekers.

"But shortly afterwards we hope to complete activities in Hong Kong also," he said.
Hong Kong houses about

agreed to take back 1,800 refu- fleering Vietnam in overloaded

gees a month in Hanoi and an- and unseaworthy boats at the other 1,800 in Ho Chi Minh end of the Vietnamese conflict

All efforts would be made to
get the refugees back to Vietference acknowledged the huge

If that fails, they would be face in maintaining the refugees

sent back under the Orderly Re- and an appeal for increased aid

patriation Program, which to Hong Kong was made to

the end of the year, except in sometime in 1996. Hong Kong, which is to com-

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KUALA LUMPUR — A

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Werner Blatter, the confer-

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at the end of the two-day con-

ference that Vietnam's agree-

ment to simplify procedures means most of the refugees

should be repatriated by the

end of December, except in

Hong Kong houses about 22,000 refugees.

Mr. Blatter said Vietnam had

nam voluntarily, he added.

when refugees were forcibly put

BRIEFLY ASIA

Philippines Modernizing Military

MANII.A — President Fidel V. Ramos of the Philippines signed a S2 billion military modernization law Thursday, a week after taking China to task for its occupation of a South China Sea reef claimed by Manila.

The law, he said, "sets the stage for the nation to achieve the level of preparedness appropriate for its defense and protein against external threats and foreign aggression."

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Military officials said the five-year program would mostly be devoted to the acquisition of naval vessels and fighter-interceptors. But Mr. Ramos stressed that the law "is not a market and the law is not a market and the law i reaction" to recent perceived external threats in the Spraily chain, where China has occupied Mischief Reef, which is

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claimed by the Philippines.

Foreign Undersecretary Rodolfo Severino, meanwhile, said:

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Hazel R. O'Leary and Li Peng in Beijing on Thursday.

Chinese Backs Improved U.S. Ties

BEIJING — Prime Minister Li Peng of China told U.S. Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary on Thursday that he hoped for improved bilateral relations, which would be of "huge significance" to both sides.

Mr. Li's comments came as trade negotiators from the two countries were engaged in last-ditch talks to avert a trade war over complaints that Beijing is not doing enough to stop piracy of copyrights, patents and other intellectual property rights.

rights.

Washington has threatened to impose punitive sanctions that would double the cost of more than \$1 billion of Chinese imports if no agreement can be reached by Sunday. China has

said it would respond with sanctions on U.S. products.

Mr. Li told Mrs. O'Leary that the Chinese government has taken an "active and forward-looking attitude toward Sino-U.S. relations," the Xinhua news agency reported.

Mrs. O'l early her said the trade dispute would not care.

Mrs. O'Leary has said the trade dispute would not cast a shadow over her trip to China. Her delegation of 25 U.S. executives from the energy sector has clinched more than \$1 billion in contracts since Monday.

Afghan Leader's Term Up in Air

KABUL — The new March deadline for President Burhan-uddin Rabbani to cede power to a United Nations-sponsored governing council may have to be extended, a senior Afghan official said Thursday.

"I think this date could be extended if the political and social conditions in the country warrant it," the senior government minister said.

The UN special envoy, Mahmud Mestiri, failed to achieve a planned transfer of power to his "mechanism," or interim governing council, on time and said Wednesday that a new mechanism would be formed in a month.

Mr. Rabbani, whose two-year elected term of office expired in 1994, has refused to resign until a proper mechanism is agreed upon.

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NEW DELHI - No party won a majority in the Manipur state elections, and opposition groups tried to form a coalition Thursday to take control of the legislature from the Congress (I) Party.

Congress emerged the single largest group, with 21 seats, followed by 18 for the regional Manipur People's Party, United News of India reported. Janata Dal won seven, and the other 13 seats were won by independents or six small

parties, the news agency said.

Chief Minister Rishang Keishing of the Congress Party said he expected the governor to ask him to form a coalition government in the remote northeast India state.

But the People's Party was already trying to do that and expected to team up with the Janata Dal and other parties. If it forms a governing coalition, Manipur would be the latest in a series of setbacks for Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's

VOICES From Asia

Lee Hong Koo, the prime minister of South Korea, assessing the two years that the government of President Kim Young Sam has been in office: "I think the one real disappointment has been that no real advance has been made in our relations with North Korea in spite of the fact that Kim II Sung has passed away. The irony of it all is that the situation since his death seems to have deteriorated."

Romeo Acop, chief superintendent of police, saying the Philippine police lacked evidence to charge the chief suspect, Ramzi Yousef, in the World Trade Center bombing with setting a bomb that killed a Japanese passenger on a Philip-pine Airlines flight: "In our minds, we know that Yousef was our man, but it takes more than deductions and speculations to win a court case."

Li Guoping, wife of the veteran Chinese dissident Yang Zhou, whose appeal against his three-year labor camp sentence for "stirring up trouble" has been rejected: "I suppose he is still very determined that this sentence should be fought to the last step. But we have been cut off for so long, so I don't know anything about him."

Nobuyuki idei, managing director of Sony, on why the firm will not endorse an industry standard for the digital video disk: "Our product will provide the user the best option for optical media for the coming multimedia era." (Bloomberg)

Bird Haven In China Is

SHANGHAI -- The world's largest bird sanctuary, a lake in eastern China, has turned into a killing field, with 300,000 birds

by poachers during the migra-tion season from November to May, Liberation Daily said.

province of Guangdong, Haiwild geese have slumped precippant killing by criminal ele-ments and ignorant locals," it

But Wei Haichang, the sanctuary's chief administrator, dismissed the report. "I am very angry about it," he said in a telephone interview. He said the figure of 300,000 was close to the total number of birds that migrate to the sanctuary each year from former Soviet states. In the last two or three years

has ended.

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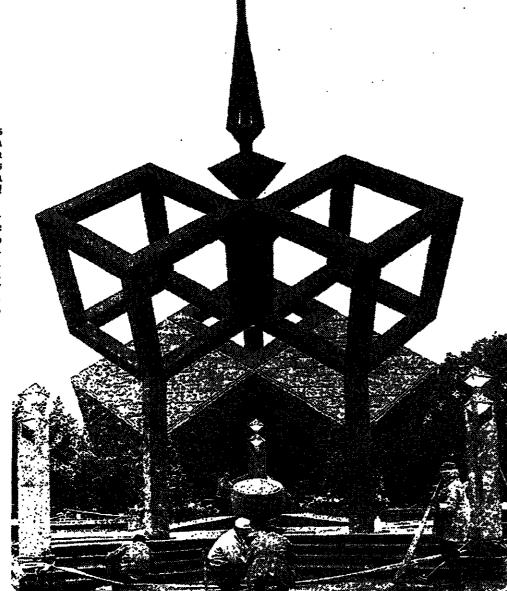
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LAST TOUCHES — Taiwanese preparing a monument to be unveiled Tuesday that commemorates a 1947 massacre. Thousands were killed when Nationalist troops crushed For Genocide, U.S. Says a riot triggered when a government official kicked a woman selling untaxed cigarettes.

Pol Pot Could Be Tried

proved controversial in the past donor nations.

PHNOM PENH — Senior the international law pertaining members of the Khmer Rouge, to crimes of genocide and including its leader, Pol Pot, crimes against humanity. "We could still be tried for genocide, hope in several months to have the head of a U.S.-sponsored a legal study which can be inquiry into mass killings under shared with the government of the radical faction said Thurs- Cambodia and also with other

Alphonse La Porta, a U.S. State Department official leading the investigation, said it was on the merits of the legal case possible that several or many or most of the current ruling clique of the Khmer Rouge" could face proceedings.

Mr. La Porta declined, how-

ever, to "assign a percentage Congress, the investigation probability" to the chances of Pol Pot or his lieutenants an- University, has also set up a swering for their role in the genocide research and docudeaths of around one million mentation program. This will people during the Khmer create a computer databank of Rouge's 1975-79 reign of terror. primary source materials, he He said that progress was be-said.

Cambodia and also with other legal experts," he said. He added that he hoped the

study would lead to a "dialogue against the Khmer Rouge and how it might be possible to have an international judicial pro-

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Washington Warns North

Korea on Thursday of trying to destroy the armistice mechanism set up after the Korean War in an attempt to get peace

mechanism set up by the armistice agreement will lead us to enter into bilateral talks on a peace treaty, it is badly mistaken," said Thomas Hubbard, deputy assistant secretary of state. He said North Korea had been trying for several years to destroy the armistice-mandated group that monitors military forces and investigates armistice violations.

maintained the peace now for more than 40 years," Mr. (Reuters, AP) Hubbard told a congressional panel.

"We have forcefully told Pyongyang that such an action would be a violation of the armistice agreement, which has

Against Cutting Out Seoul WASHINGTON - The United States accused North

talks with Washington that shut out South Korea.

"If Pyongyang hopes that its attempts to destroy the

Ex-Leader of New Zealand to Quit Politics

WELLINGTON - Former Prime Minister David Lange, who rose to world prominence when he banned U.S. nuclear warships from port calls here, announced Thursday that he would leave politics at the next election, saying it was better to quit while he was ahead.

As the author of New Zealand's antinuclear policy, he was the country's most recognizable international figure when he served as Labor Party prime minister between 1984 and 1988.

He achieved even greater international note in 1985, when he took on the French government over the sinking here by French secret agents of the Greenpeace ship Rainbow Warrior.

New Zealand is due to hold its next election in 1997. It will be conducted under a new proportional representation voting system that Mr. Lange opposes. "It is better that I go content than I be a

relic trying to conform to life in a different fishpond," Mr. Lange said. "That is something that I don't propose to do."

Mr. Lange, 52, won his first seat in a byelection 18 years ago. By the next election he would have been in Parliament for close to 20 years.

"It's quite long enough," he said. He said he would now "reclaim" his life, working in his constituency more.

"I hope to become quite a well-paid social worker for the next couple of years."

He also plans to continue writing and lecturing, including teaching at Portland State University in the United States. He State University in the United States. The also has fellowships at Edinburgh University and a Melbourne college to take up. His prime ministership is remembered as one of radical change, both domestically and the interpolational state. One of his

as one of radical change, both domestically and on the international stage. One of his key goals was to declare New Zealand a nuclear-free country and to lead an international campaign against nuclear arms. He banned ships carrying nuclear weapons from New Zealand in 1984, provoking a dispute with the United States that the

a dispute with the United States that resulted in Washington's suspending Wellington from the ANZUS defense alliance linking them with Australia. The United States has not sent a warship here since

Decimated slaughtered every year, a Shanghai newspaper reported

Thursday. Huge numbers of birds, including rare white cranes, white storks and swans, migrate to Poyang Lake in Jiangxi province during the winter. But from 800 to 2,000 birds are shot or poisoned to death each day

Rare birds are prized by Chinese gournets and end up in cooking pots in the southern nan Island and Hong Kong, the paper said. "Numbers of white cranes, white storks, swans and itously due to increasingly ram-

the sanctuary has lost 10,000 birds a year to poachers, he said. Police have since been deployed and the mass slaughter

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NATO Pushes Claes to Put Quick End to Bribery Scandal

By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS - NATO governments reiterated their support on Thursday for Willy Claes, the alliance's secretary-general, who is under the cloud of a Belgian bribery scandal, while a for-mer political colleague and suspect in the affair said Mr. Claes had not been involved.

But Mr. Claes remained under pressure to put a quick end to the affair, according to sources, who said speculation about his involvement was a serious distraction from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's need to craft a new relationship with Russia, set enteria for members from Eastern Europe, and draw up plans for the for 46 helicopters.

possible evacuation of United Nations forces from the former Yugoslavia.

Mr. Claes kept a low profile on Thursday, breaking with usual NATO practice by not meeting reporters after holding talks with Slovenia's foreign minister.

Lawyers for Etienne Mange, the former treasurer of Belgium's Flemish Socialist Party who was arrested last week in connection with the affair, issued a statement on Thursday effectively admitting Mr. Mange's full responsibility for having accepted a "gift" to the party of 50 million Belgian francs (about \$2 million) in 1989 from Agusta, an Italian helicopter maker.

That was shortly after the company won an 8 billion franc order from the Belgian Air Force

Also Thursday, the Socialist Party president, Louis Tobback, affirmed that Mr. Mange had mentioned the offer briefly at a meeting, but that Mr. Tobback, Mr. Claes and Frank Vandenbroucke, another senior party official and Bel-gium's current foreign minister, immediately relused the offer.

Mr. Claes raised fresh questions about his involvement on Wednesday when he first denied, then acknowledged having been present at the meeting where the Agusta offer was discussed. Mr. Claes, who was economics minister at the

time, and Mr. Vandenbroucke said they had rejected the offer and had not discussed it again. NATO ambassadors had expressed their unanimous support for Mr. Claes on Tuesday after he briefed them on the affair.

On Thursday, Mr. Claes had private contacts with some NATO ambassadors, who "reiterated their total confidence," a source close to Mr. Claes said. "We're confident that we will quickly

Mr. Claes is to visit Washington between March 3-9 to discuss the situation in the former Yugoslavia and relations with Russia with President Bill Clinton, and he will seek to firm up support for NATO with the new Republican leadership of Congress.

Judicial authorities have indicated they would like to question Mr. Claes, who does not have diplomatic immunity in this case.

However, he has stated his willingness to

Rival Leftist Party Takes On Jospin in French Campaign

By Barry James tremational Herald Tribune

cent of the Socialist Party con-qua. That scandal is widely seen tender, Lionel Jospin, in the as a bungled attempt to put French presidential election pressure on a judge investigat-campaign hit its first major ob-ing kickbacks on public housing stacle Thursday with the an- contracts and possible illegal finouncement that a rival leftist candidate also will enter the campaign.

continues and possible negative nancing of the Rally for the Republic party, to which Mr. Ralladur, Mr. Pasqua and Mr.

Jean-François Hory, the president of the Left Radical Movement, calling Mr. Jospin old-fashioned and dogmatic, said he would run as "the candidate of the modern left."

Mr. Hory, 45, a member of the European Parliament, stands little chance of winning a substantial proportion of the vote, but his candidacy could weaken Mr. Jospin's chances by dividing the left.
The Left Radical Movement

is better known as the party of the Socialist maverick Bernard Tapie, whose bankruptcy makes him ineligible to run.

Mr. Jospin, 57, a former min-ister of education, was elected by party members to the Socialist leadership this month. He has steadily risen in public opinion polls to rival the two main candidates on the right, Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, 65, and the mayor of Paris, Jacques Chirac, 62.

rounding his government, in-cluding affairs that led to the the winner in the May 7 runoff.

and a wiretapping scandal that PARIS — The lightning asInterior Minister Charles Pas-

Chirac belong.
The Socialists were badly defeated in the elections for the European Parliament in 1993 largely because the Left Radical Movement, bolstered by its association with Mr. Tapie, then a millionaire businessman and soccer team owner, managed to

win 12.5 percent of the vote. With Mr. Tapie out of the running, a spokesman for Mr. Jospin said the consequences of Mr. Hory's bid "will not be enormous, because there is a dynamic behind Mr. Jospin's candidacy that is getting stronger every day."

■ Poll Shows a 3-Way Tie The three leading presidential contenders are neck-andneck for the first of the two rounds of the ballot, an opinion poll said Thursday, Agence France-Presse reported.

The IPSOS poll showed Mr. Balladur, Mr. Chirac and Mr. Mr. Balladur has been hurt Jospin all polling 22 percent of by corruption allegations surthe vote in the April 23 round,

BRIEFLY EUROPE

Santer Vows to Limit Foreign Films

BRUSSELS - The European Commission president, Jacques Santer, has reassured Europe's filmmakers that limits on Hollywood and other foreign films shown on European Union screens will not be scrapped.

His spokesman said Mr. Santer made the promise at a meeting on Wednesday at which a delegation of filmmakers and actors pleaded for EU help to protect their industry from Hollywood domination.

The European Commission, the EU executive, has to decide by mid-March how to adapt its rules on foreign content in television broadcasts to take account of emerging services like teleshopping.

For now, the EU limits the number of foreign programs allowed on its television channels, but Mr. Santer said the commission was looking at other ways of promoting the EU film industry, perhaps through allowing state aid. (Reuters)

Nuclear-Fuel Ship Leaves France

CHERBOURG, France - A British ship carrying reprocessed nuclear fuel left for Japan by a secret route on Thursday after French sailors prevented protesters from blocking the shipment.

The ship, the Pacific Pintail, left the Channel port of Cherbourg escorted by four French naval vessels and six

rubber dinghies carrying commandos.

Environmental groups have vowed to shadow the Pacific Pintail on its trip, and they tried to prevent it from entering Cherbourg to pick up the nuclear fuel. A navy spokesman said 20 protesters were intercepted as they sailed three rubber dinghies toward the Pacific Pintail but there was no violence.

Japan sends its spent fuel to Europe for reprocessing into fuel-grade plutonium that is returned to Japan. (Reuters)

Disabled Win Ramps at Opera Ball

VIENNA - A disabled member of Austria's Parliament campaigning to attend Vienna's Opera Ball in her wheelchair said on Thursday she had won a pledge from organizers to install special access ramps.

But her victory came too late for her to be on the dance floor at this year's ball, held Thursday evening. Deputy Theresia Haidlmayr said she would watch the dancing from an opera box this year and looked forward to being on dance floor level at the 1996 ball.

Ms. Haidhmayr raised a protest earlier this week when organizers told her she could not take up the dance floor place she had reserved because wheelchairs were not permitted. (Reuters)

European Union events scheduled for Friday:

BRUSSELS: Meeting of the Group of Seven leading industrialized countries on the information superhighway begins, attended by 45 major business leaders and the telecommunications and industry ministers of the G-7.

BRUSSELS: Vice President Sud Thabo Mbeki of South Africa pays an official visit to the European Parliament. BRUSSELS: President Jacques Santer of the European Commission meets Vice President Jean-François Rischard of the World Bank,

BRUSSELS: Visit of Foreign Minister Zoran Thaler of Slovenia to to discuss negotiations on an association agreement with the European Union.

MEXICO CITY: Alain Lamassoure, French European affairs minister, visits Mexico as the EU seeks to negotiate economic and political partnerships. Sources: Agence Europe, AFP.

Moscow's mayor, Yuri Luzhkov, outlining plans to rebuild Red Square to President Boris Yeltsin and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin on Thursday. The three met after a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Yeltsin Vows to Oversee Army Reform

By Lee Hockstader Washington Post Service

MOSCOW - With his army bogged down in Chechnya and his popularity rat-ings wallowing at record lows, President Bons N. Yeltsin said Thursday that he would take personal charge of revamping the military.

We have to be tough and firm so military people believe that there will be re-forms," he said. "As president and commander-in-chief, I am prepared personally to control the course of the reforms." Yet, even as Mr. Yeltsin tried to project

wreath-laying ceremony for Defenders of the Fatherland Day, there were new reminders of the damage that has been done to his government and personal prestige by the war in Chechnya. In a new poll by the All-Russia Public

Opinion Research Center, more than half the respondents said they wanted Mr. Yeltsin to resign immediately, while twothirds said that he should not run for reelection next year. Just 9 percent approve of the way he is handling his job, a figure in line with other recent public opinion sur-

More than twice as many respondents blame Mr. Yeltsin for the bloodshed in Chechnya as blame the separatist Chechen leader, Dzhokar Dudayev, who has been demonized by official Russian propagan-

The results of the poll of more than 1,500 urban residents across Russia were published on Thursday in the liberal newspaper Segodnya.

Grachev, who has been tireless in his specific. search for a scapegoat for the Chechen morass, settled Thursday on the mothers of Russian soldiers.

In remarks to veterans, he said mothers who have tried to extract their soldier sons from harm's way in Chechnya had caused 400 of them to "disappear without a

He did not explain how the mothers had caused this to occur, beyond saying: prisoner, some have been killed. This is country's security.

what the thoughtlessness and rashness of the so-called mothers' movement has produced. We want to have their husbands explain how they allowed this to happen."

General Grachev also repeated his con-viction that the Chechen campaign has been a success. He said that considering the scale of the fighting, casualties, which are thought to include tens of thousands of civilians and soldiers, were not great "from a military point of view.

He added that negative coverage of the war is the result of news organizations Mr. Yeltsin's defense minister, Pavel S. having been "bought." He declined to be

> Marking the Defenders of the Pather land holiday, which in the Soviet era was known as Army Day, Mr. Yeltsin stressed the need to help the army overcome the elaborate problems that the Chechen campaign has laid bare.

General Grachev and other top military officers have complained loudly that the government is not sufficiently financing "Some of them have simply been taken the armed forces and endangering the

Russians Shell Chechen Positions Around Grozny

Recuters

The Russian troops sent to day and Thursday morning.

ARGUN, Russia — Russian crush Chechen separatists on forces shelled rebel positions. Dec. 11 gained control of Groz-Thursday to the south, west and ny earlier this month and were east of Chechnya's capital, Grozny, in an attempt to tighten their grip on the separatist

Rebels said artillery and helicopter gunships pounded Argun, 15 kilometers (9 miles) east seeking Thursday to consoli-date the advantage they gained this week by encircling the capi-

Residents of Goity, 13 kilo-meters south of Grozny, said the town was shelled Wednes-

just west of Grozny, on Thurs- fensive lines like those on the day, and rebel forces said their western outskirts of Argun. stronghold in Shali, south of the capital, was shelled overnight.

The Russians, who blocked the last open road into Grozny anniversary of Stalin's deportaearlier this week, were pushing slowly into outlying areas.

Although some rebels were still slipping in and out of Groz-Shells also hit Alkhanyurt, ny, most were manning new de-

> Thursday was an anniversar for both sides. Russia marked its traditional Army Day, while Chechnya commemorated the tion of the entire Chechen nation to Kazakhstan in 1944.

Don't Sink Peace Plan, U.K. Urges Protestants

BELFAST — Britain appealed Thursday to Protestants in Northern Ireland to join in talks on the province's future and warned that a refusal could doom the fragile peace.

Protestant politicians, who are determined to keep Northern Ireland linked with Britain, initially rejected a framework for talks released Wednesday by Britain and Ireland after two years of negotiations. Michael Ancram, a junior

Ireland Office, said suggestions that Britain was giving in to the Irish Republican Army were "a very dangerous misinterpretation of what we're trying to do."

"Unless we actually can come to a political accommodation which is acceptable across the broad spectrum of the community in Northern Ireland," he said in a television interview, "then we are never going to be able to underpin peace.

political stalemate, and I hope ed Ireland." we will not see that," he added.

While other parties and commentators said the framework clude a new elected assembly in document should be given a Northern Ireland with safechance, the initial reaction from guards to ensure that represen Protestant Unionist politicians was condemnation.

"What peace cannot survive Northern Ireland that would in- ation

minister in Britain's Northern would be a political vacuum, a exorably trundle us into a unit-

The framework proposals intatives from the Roman Catho lic minority would not be Ken Maginnis, of the Ulster ignored, changes in British law Unionist Party, said, "If I ac- and the Irish Constitution to copted it, I would be accepting guarantee Northern Ireland's something against the will of right to choose its destiny, and the greater number of people in new bodies to promote cooper-

Kenneth M. Setton, 80, Medieval Historian, Dies

New York Times Service Dr. Kenneth M. Setton, 80, one of the foremost interpreters of medieval Europe

Emmanuel Roblès, 80,

and the Crusades, the papacy and the dawn of the Renaissance, has died in A French Novelist, Is Dead Princeton, New Jersey. The cause was complications from a stroke he suffered a few weeks ago, according to the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, at which Mr. Setton was a for-

tute in 1968 as a professor of history and reached emeritus status in 1984. Mr. Setton, a Princeton resident, had been preparing his latest book for publication, "Venetian and British Reports from

By Wolfgang Saxon

Istanbul in the 18th Century." He spent nearly two decades finishing his four-volume "The Papacy and the Levant, 1204-1571." Other works included "Christian Attitudes Toward the Emperor

in the Fourth Century," "Venice, Austria and the Turks in the 17th Century," and "Western Hostility to Islam."

He was also the editor in chief of a fivevolume "History of the Crusades."

PARIS (AP) — Emmanuel Roblès, 80, author of nearly 40 works exploring the human condition and a friend of Albert Camus, has died, his publisher, Senil, an-

mer faculty member. He joined the insti-nounced Thursday. He died Wednesday in Boulogne-Billancourt. The cause of death was not immedi-

ately known. Mr. Roblès was perhaps best known for "Montserrat," a play about the Venezualan resistance to the Spanish invasion. The work was translated into more than 20 languages and sold in more than 40 coun-

A prolific writer of novels, plays, poetry,

essays and short stories, Mr. Roblès was fascinated with the brotherhood of Mediterranean cultures and the conflict between violence and humanity.

Bob Stinson, 35, who played lead guitar in the 1980s rock band the Replacements, was found dead in his Minneapolis apartment on Saturday. The cause was an overdose of a substance that has not yet been identified, said his mother, Anita Stinson

Walter Williams, 76, the husband of Myrlie Evers-Williams, the newly elected leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, died Wednesday after a long battle with cancer

Mary Dwight B. McNair Scott, 87, an emeritus professor of biochemistry at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine, died earlier this month in Philadelphia from a heart attack, her family reported from Bern.

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Up to Northern Ireland

The governments of Ireland and Britain have taken a bold step toward peace in Northern Ireland. They released a joint document outlining a framework for re-solving the bloody conflict of the last 25 years. The framework is not binding but is merely a set of suggestions that any party to further discussions can accept or reject. As a road map for the next steps toward peace, it is reasonable and fair to all sides.

The document's main purpose is to initiate a democratic process for deciding

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the fate of Northern Ireland. It recognizes that both Unionists and republicans will have to make difficult compromises. It proposes steps to guarantee that no change will come about without the consent of the majority in Northern Ireland. At the same time it would amend the Irish constitution to forgo its historical claim to the six northern counties.

So far, Irish republican leaders have been more receptive to the new framework than have Protestant leaders even though it represents huge compromises for Ireland and for Republicans. In contrast, the Reverend Ian Paisley, head of the Democratic Unionist Party, de-

clared the document a nightmare. This is not surprising; Mr. Paisley, who represents the most extreme wing of Protestant Unionism, has built his political career on intransigence. James Molyneaux, whose Ulster Unionist Party is the biggest Protestant body, was less withering but still highly wary.

The British government has wisely decided to print 600,000 copies of the document so that citizens of Northern Ireland can see for themselves what it contains, rather than being swayed by the characterizations of their political leaders. Extremist leaders in Northern Ireland, unless they learn to change quickly, may soon find themselves obsolete. If they refuse even to discuss measures that would allow all citizens an equal voice in their future, they will paint themselves quite accurately — as demagogues.

to let go of old hatreds. All over the gling in this direction. The citizens of Northern Ireland deserve no less.

-- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

CIA Spying in France?

temps between the United States and France that roared into view on Wednesday may be a sign of progress for the CIA. If the French accounts are correct, at least the agency was spying on something that matters, specifically French efforts in 1993 to block an international trade agreement and to thwart the marketing of American movies and television shows in France. At a time when U.S. national security is increasingly defined by economic interests, it is reassuring to see the lumbering intelligence apparatus in Washington turning away from the obsolete work of monitoring Russian military forces.

But the methods reportedly involved, including efforts to bribe French officials, were wrong. While it was clearly acceptable during the Cold War to pay Soviet informants for secret information about Moscow's nuclear forces, it is not appropriate to bribe French officials for political or economic information.

No one should be shocked to discover that the CIA may have been spying on an ally. Even in the bleakest days of the Cold War, Washington collected information about political developments in NATO countries. There was always suspicion between Washington and Paris, rooted in Charles de Gaulle's nettlesome independence. The French government was chagrined two years ago when it was disclosed

This document represents a rare chance world, from Cambodia to El Salvador to the Middle East, old enemies are strug-

that Paris had targeted 21 U.S. aerospace companies for industrial espionage. Now it is Washington's turn to dance and dodge. The daily Le Monde, which broke the story, reported that five Americans, including the CIA station chief in Paris, had offered bribes to French officials to obtain information about the French position at the trade talks and the government's resistance to the import of American movies and television shows. Until the last minute, France threatened to scuttle the GATT agreement by refusing to reduce subsidies for French farmers.

It was undoubtedly not a coincidence that this story happened to become public just as Prime Minister Edouard Balladur's presidential campaign was in danger of being derailed by disclosure of a questionable wiretapping operation authorized by Interior Minister Charles Pasqua. Nothing changes the subject faster than a juicy espionage case, especially one involving Americans.

How much financial and industrial espionage is appropriate for the CIA, and how the information should be used, are serious questions that the Clinton administration and Congress need to explore as part of their review of U.S. intelligence operations. The CIA owes Congress a full accounting of this mission, if the French accusations are true.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Rethink Farm Subsidies

Perhans the Clinton administration's Agriculture Department ought to spend a little time reading what the Clinton administration's Council of Economic Advisers had to say about farm subsidies.

to take on the farm program this year, a position consistent with a budget that takes a standstill attitude toward the deficit. Oh, yes, the administration wants farm subsidies to come down, but its small cuts are proposed only in 1998 and after — which is to say, after the next election. Senator Richard Lugar, Republican of Indiana, is taking a more courageous path. He has proposed a \$15 billion cut in agriculture programs over five years, a 30 percent reduction. This makes many of Mr. Lugar's fellow Republicans unhappy and also drew fire from the administration. "I think that is a faster glide path than we would propose," said acting Agriculture Secretary Richard E. Rominger, "and I think it is faster than would

be safe for the American economy.' Mr. Rominger's view would seem to fly in the face of what the president's economic advisers said in their annual report released this month. It included a devastating analysis of existing farm programs. Noting that "farmers must be given appropriate market signals so that their decisions will help maximize aggregate economic welfare," the report concludes that farm programs often have almost exactly the opposite result. "Unfortu-nately," the report to the president says, some government farm programs impede

market processes and efficient choices." Even government programs that do not involve taxpayer subsidies, the report says, "reduce economic efficiency." For example, "in markets for sugar, peanuts and tobacco . . . prices are supported by cartel-like supply restrictions that are enforced by the federal government." The sugar and peanut programs "impose marketing restrictions in ways that inhibit shifts of production from more costly to

less costly producers." The indictment goes on. "By encouraging overinvestment and overproduction in agriculture," the report says, "the programs affect the allocation of resources in the economy and thereby reduce overall productivity." And "by raising agriculturfinancial barriers to entry into farming." The program may even "discourage envirommentally beneficial practices" by discouraging rotations into crops not covered

by subsidies or price supports. All in all, an excellent case for revamping the farm program, something Mr. Lugar is battling to do. The senator has it right when he says that his proposals are fairly strong measures but, I think, fairly modest ones given the enormity of the budget problems we have."

It is a good thing that the president's economists are willing to speak their minds. Too bad that what they are saying on farming is not getting the hearing from him or his Agriculture Department that it deserves. Mr. Lugar, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, might consider calling them up to testify. He

might find them to be friendly witnesses. -THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

An Ally's Unwelcome Attention

France [seeks repatriation of] five Americans on charges of spying. This imbroglio may partly reflect the desire of Charles Pasqua, the interior minister, to divert attention from a bugging scandal. The spying concerned trade, and the episode demonstrates the deepening Franco-American animosity over French attempts to keep out Hollywood films. It also shows the extraordinary reorientation of American intelligence priorities after the Cold War. According to French counterintelligence] America has 80 agents in France, of whom 30 are under cover. Russia, apparently, merits the attention of only 40. How

many, we wonder, are there in Britain? — The Daily Telegraph (London).



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All the Talk About European Security Is Mostly Talk

HELSINKI — The debate on Europe-an security has been brought down to the level of grass-roots realism by a recent survey of German opinion. According to a report in the International Herald Tribune on Feb. 8, only one in four respondents said German troops should help Poland if Russia were to attack it, but nearly 60 percent said they supported bringing Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic into NATO.

The contradiction between the two responses is a symptom of the schizophren-

The brutal assault on Grozny is above all a reminder of the way Russia has traditionally behaved toward small nations.

ic attitude to security issues prevalent in all Western countries. People tend to look upon international organizations like NATO, the United Nations or the European Únion as autonomous bodies separate from their members.

Germans who favor NATO membership for Poland while refusing to support the use of German troops to defend it are saying, in effect, that Poland should be helped, but let others do it. However, if relatively few Germans are ready to join in the defense of their neighbors, the fact is that the British or the French or the SpanBy Max Jakobson

iards are unlikely to step into the breach. The confusion is compounded by the ambiguity in official attitudes on Russia. Is Russia a partner for peace or a potential aggressor? Western governments evade the issue by explaining that NATO membership for Central European countries is meant to promote stability. But if one asks a Pole or a Czech, he will say NATO is

needed for defense against Russia.

This gap in perceptions has been widened by the war in Chechnya. It has sharpened the security concerns of Russia's neighbors, but the official Western view is that, while "the excessive force" used by the Russian army is deplored, the war is an internal affair — a human

rights issue, President Bill Clinton's State of the Union speech was revealing. "Not a single Russian missile is pointed at the children of America," he said, and went on to promise that the United States and Russia were on their way to destroying the missiles and the bombers that carry nuclear warheads. That was all on Russia - not one word about Chechnya.

In other words, Russia is important because it has the capacity to hit targets on the American continent, but as the threat of a nuclear attack recedes, the importance of Russia for the national security of the United States diminishes. What the Russian army is doing in its

southern backyard does not merit a mention in the president's speech.

The Russian writer Vasili Aksyonov, who now lives in Washington, has gone a step further. In a recent article in Le

Monde, he draws a parallel between the Russian action in Chechnya and the 1989 American operation in Panama. By stemming the Islamic tide along the southern rim of the former Soviet Union, Russia thus joins the West in a global war against international terrorism and crime.

A similar view has been put forward by Jack Matiock, who was U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union from 1987 to 1991. In a detailed article in the Feb. 16 issue of The New York Review of Books, Mr. Matlock says that President Boris Yeltsin had "the obligation to quell an illegal seizure of power within his country" in order to remove Dzhokar Dudayev's hoodlums from control of Grozny, which had become a major hub of arms and drug trafficking. This was almost word for word what Mr. Yeltsin said in a speech last Friday.

There is another view of the Chechens that deserves attention. In his massive record of the Soviet gulag, Alexander Solzhenitsyn singles out the Chechens as the only people who in the camps totally refused to succumb to "the psychology of submission." It seems that Mr. Yeltsin and his advisers have not read Mr. Soizhenitsyn's book. The writer himself has been strangely silent throughout the war.

In the eyes of people living closer to

the scene, the resistance put up by the Chechens has given the war a significance that transcends the legal justification for the Russian action. It cannot be dismissed as a police raid against rob-

The brutal assault on Grozny is above all a reminder of the way Russia has traditionally behaved toward small nations. That the Russian army has performed poorly is not much of a consolation. Indeed, to consolation. bers and smugglers. tion. Indeed, to someone who, like myself, has been at the receiving end of Russian offensive, the reports from Chechnya sound depressingly familiar. The Russian army has always relied on brute force and an inexhaustible supply of manpower, rather than on tactical fi-

nesse, to achieve its goals. The war in Chechnya is likely to fade from Western television screens. The process of designing what is grandly called a European security architecture will contime according to its institutional calendar. For NATO, 1995 is a year of study. For the European Union, 1996 will be the beginning of talks on a common foreign and security policy. It will also be a year of presidential elections first in Russia

and then in the United States. European security is being developed like a product designed to please the manufacturer rather than the market. But life has the inconvenient habit of refusing to stand still while politicians deliberate.

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America Is Grumpy With the World, and Now It's Campaign Mode

¬ULSA, Oklahoma -- The By Flora Lewis TULSA, Ukianoma - Inchange in American attitudes, reflected in last year's congressional elections and the new legislative program, has gone much further than people in other countries realize. The main target for discontent is domestic affairs, but there is something of the same irritation and impatient antago-

views about the rest of the world. In Paris just before I left for a conference at the University of Tulsa, French students doing research on American policy asked me if the United States had decided it no longer wanted to dominate and would therefore withdraw. Of course, Americans have never seen things that way. They felt they were generously supporting and protecting others

nism that Americans express at

their own government in their

who shared their goals. Like the Russians, they perceived that they gave much more than they got from allies and dependents. Unlike the Russians, they did, and to mutual benefit.

But now there is less talk of leadership and partnership, and a good deal more about "national interest." That is true in many countries. The difference is that national interest is more narrowly defined, with heavy emphasis on direct economic gain. This is not a reversion to the

adamant isolationism that followed World War 1. Americans don't think they can quit the world, nor do they ignore it. But they find it hard to understand, perverse in its demands on them. To the extent that the debate

spreads out from the halls of power in Washington, it is often ill-informed. Politicians and editors now seem convinced that there isn't much interest in foreign affairs, and provide only scanty, if dramatic, information. Americans tend to know less shout other countries than others know about the United States.

But my impression is that this is a supply, not a demand, pro-blem. Many questions are asked.

BRUSSELS - The British chancellor of the Exche-

quer. Kenneth Clarke, made a

speech on Feb. 9 which sought

to end the controversy in the

ruling Conservative Party on

economic and monetary union.

Instead he restarted it. The poli-

cy of John Major's government

on Europe now recalls Lewis

Carroll's account of "The Hunt-

But the principle failing oc-

And the Bellman, perplexed

Said he had hoped, at least,

That the ship would not travel

But other members of the Eu-

ropean Union also have prob-

lems. The Germans are reluc-

tant to give up the Deutsche

mark. In France, voices are

raised against federalism. The

Italians are cross at the prospect

of being excluded from an inner

group. Does this mean that a

move to European Monetary

Union, the next major stage in

the integration of Europe, can

It need not be. For certain

points are already clear about

the way the Union is going to

• An economic and mone-

tary union in some part of Eu-

rope is now inevitable. Fifteen

fluctuating currencies in a Union of 370 million people oc-

cupying a land area one-third the size of the United States are

an increasing absurdity. In a

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have rendered one, fluctuating

currencies are a tax on money

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ing of the Snark."

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Foreigners are welcomed, Immigration during the last generation, although resented in some areas, has added to the immense diversity of American society and you see it on the streets, in the shops and restaurants. What is diminishing is a sense of how to deal with the places these people left behind, and a conviction that it's worth the effort.

The turn against government includes not only doubts about government's competence to deal with internal problems but also how it handles foreign relations.

The conservatives dominating the scene don't think much of multilateralism. They seem to think even less of the United Nations

now that it is no longer organized in anti-American blocs.

There are, of course, two kinds of conservatives now, potentially in conflict. The traditional ones believe, as President Calvin Coolidge once said, that "the chief business of the American people is business," and they want to be left to get on with it. They want less taxes, less regulation, less bureancracy, less spending on social welfare, and stronger government

only to lock up criminals. The more radical want a kind of social counterrevolution, to outlaw abortion, restore "family values" (an effort that seems to include patriarchal authority), introduce prayer in public schools.

This "religious right" has something in common with fundamentalists in other parts of the world, a nostalgia for a mythical pure and innocent past. But they are a re-minder that the separation of church and state was never against religion. Unlike France, where the lay state was established to protect the republic against the power of the church, in America it was to protect the variety of churches against the power of the state.

Democrats battered by the Republican sweep eke optimism from the chance that these two Republican currents will solit and clash, or that extremists will drive them so far that there will be a popular backlash.

In any case, the 1996 fight for the White House has begun in

front pages. Like the affair of the

telephone tap, it bears, in the

opinion of most hardened wit-

nesses of French politics, the fin-

gerorints of Charles Pasqua, the

interior minister. Mr. Pasqua's ri-

val, Foreign Minister Alain Juppe,

has seemed genuinely taken aback

The charge made is that the

CIA attempted to bribe two high

civil servants and a France Tele-

com official to provide informa-

tion on France's positions during

the last two years' trade talks.
One wonders what the CIA want-

ed to know that was not to be

found in the newspapers. Howev-

promises an investigation.

earnest. The United States is now in campaign mode, and that is likely to bring friction in foreign affairs which will be measured by domestic political impact, not just policy. A clash may come sooner than supposed.

Two looming issues are the European push to lift the embargo on Iraq, which the United States opposes, and the congressional push to lift the arms embargo on Bosnia, which Europe opposes. Disagreements are likely to be honed more sharply, compromise harder to reach.

There will be more headaches and less leeway for diplomats. If Americans are pushed too hard, withdrawal could become a selffulfilling prophecy.

When a Democracy Is in the Business of Monkeyshines

PARIS — At midday on the day that France revealed its demand that the United States repatriate five supposed spies, was walking down the Avenue du Président Wilson in Paris, which is near the Place des Etats-Unis, where Woodrow Wilson lived during the peace conference after World War I.

I passed a group of people in conversation, one of whom was wearing an American Legion cap. Then I noticed that a halfdozen wreaths had been placed at the base of the great equestrian statue of George Washington in the center of the Avenue Wilson, and I realized, of course, that the day was Feb. 22, Wash-

ington's birthday. The tumultuous intimacy between the United States and France (America's "oldest ally") has taken another unpleasant turn, the consequence of a commercial competition between the two countries which has greatly intensified since the end of the Cold War. France now is the most important rival to the United States in military-related high-techno-

Some Will Sail to Monetary Union

By Roy Denman

and jobs. Every time a citizen or

a transaction crosses a frontier,

someone is fleeced by the banks.

And uncertainty about future

rates hinders investment and

be able to move to monetary

union at the same time. Some

will not have strong enough cur-rencies. Others will not be pre-

pared to concede the loss of

single currency mean a major

pooling of sovereignty, the big-

gest step to a closer union since

the Treaty of Rome was signed

nearly 40 years ago. Those who

join will have to give up sepa-

This does not mean that partici-

pating governments will have no influence, but, like trade

ministers, they will not be able

to diverge from the common

policy they jointly agree upon.

What are the problems this raises? First, practicability. The

likely inner core of Germany.

France, Benelux and Austria

should give Germany no worries

about the Deutsche mark. As for

France, Edouard Balladur has

made it plain that if he is elected

president he will press ahead with Germany for EMU. France

The big problems are institu-

tional. A common economic

policy needs a political struc-

ture. Will this mean a standing

ministerial council in Brussels?

This could be seen as the begin-

ning of a federation, which

might usefully pool defense and

will not want to be left out.

rate national economic policies.

Locked exchange rates or a

sovereignty involved.

• Not all member states will

job creation.

By William Pfaff Americans has certainly wiped logy exports, as well as in com-Mr. Balladur's scandal off the

mercial aviation and aerospace. It is also the inspiration and leader of the European Union's resistance to certain American trade demands. The French last year "won" Europe's GATT negotiations with the United States by limiting American access to European audiovisual and agri-

Economic and industrial espionage by the two countries is nothing new, but until now has usually been handled discreetly. This affair was leaked to the press because of internal French political considerations.

There is a presidential campaign going on, and the leading candidate, Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, has suffered a sudden drop in favor in the last few days, in part because of his own and his interior minister's responsibility for an illegal telephone tap, in an affair of alleged political corruption and kickbacks implicating political allies of the two men. Seeking the departure of five

foreign policies as well as eco-nomic policy. The European

Commission cannot constitu-

tionally act only for some mem-

ber states, so this might mean a

new treaty and new institutions,

an inner federation surrounded

The preparatory study group

for the 1996 Intergovernmental

Conference starts up this June.

There is not much time. These

fundamental questions need to

be tackled soon, since there is at

least a chance of monetary

union starting as early as 1997.

countries opposed to EMU will

not want it discussed. Indeed,

John Major's government has

got itself into such a tangle do-

mestically that it will not just

have to disagree with any pro-

posals for closer union but de-

nounce them with the fervor of

This atmosphere will not ex-

actly further constructive discus-

sion. The remedy is simple. After

the French election and before

the end of the French EU presi-

dency at the end of June, France

could invite to a separate meet-

ing all those member states

which are prepared to agree in

union (not necessarily now) to

discuss the political framework

If any member state or states

that would best accompany it.

do not desire to follow this

course, their wishes should be

respected. But nothing should

be allowed to hinder those

member states which wish to

move to the ever closer union

specified in the Treaty of Rome.

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principle to join a monetary

an Old Testament prophet.

The difficulty is that those

These are huge questions.

by a free trade area.

er, spies have to make a living. The French have done their share of industrial spying in America, as a former head of the country's foreign intelligence agency has admitted. In the 1980s they

allegedly infiltrated Boeing, Corning Glass, Texas Instruments, etc., and were caught, eventually making a quiet deal with Washing-

ton in which they promised to stay out of the United States. Since then the trade competition has intensified, and this week's episode is reported by the French press to have followed an American attempt to break up a deal made by the French missile manufacturer Matra with the government of Taiwan. France has also sold Mirage fighters to

closed American market. This conversion of intelligence services from political to industrial spying is, I suppose, a harmless diversion, or even a constructive one, in the sense of Mark Twain's remark that men are never so innocently employed as in making money. Yet there is also something sordid in it, as there is in the conversion of American presidents into salesmen.

Taiwan, which before had been a

I liked George Bush a great deal better before he made himself over as George Babbitt, selling automobiles to Japan. Bill Clinton the Arkansas populist I like. Mr. Clinton the huckster for American business I do not like. I know that "it's the economy,

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stupid," and that the United States has always been a materialistic and commercial society, more openly so than most other countries. But, as Scott Fitzgerald once wrote, it has also had "about it still that quality of the idea ... a willingness of the heart." I think the American people elect presidents to conduct the affairs of state and not to peddle American goods. But I am undoubtedly a romantic.

I like the America that still posssed a quality of idea and ideal. I like it a great deal better than I like the America of George Bush, Bill Clinton, Mickey Kantor and Newt Gingrich. I remember that the CIA, in its origins, laid claim to the example of Nathan Hale, who said to his executioners that he regretted "that I have had but one life to lose for my country." Today its members bribe people

for commercial secrets. Walking streets in Paris named after America's great men — Franklin, Lincoln, Wilson, Roo-sevelt (as well as LaFayette and Tocqueville) - I remember another remark of Fitzgerald's, about America's history. He said, "I think it is the most beautiful history in the world." I think that history diminished by what has happened in and since the 1960s. and by what goes on now.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Strongest Man

CHICAGO — George S. Spriggs, a mechanic for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, is one of the strongest men in the world. Unaided he moved for several feet up a slight incline of track a freight car which, with its contents, weighed 55,000lb. This is thought to be the world's record.

WASHINGTON - Foreign diplomatists in Washington have decided to conform to national prohibition and not to exercise the privilege of importing wines and liquors under the diplomatic immunity. It was said that the decision was intended as a cour-

diplomatic officers were finding

it expensive to meet requests of

their friends who seek to make

1920: Dry Diplomatists tesy to the laws of the United States, but it was hinted that

oases of the embassies. The younger diplomatists particularly are finding it difficult to resist the pleas of beautiful women begging for bottles of gin with which to mix cocktails.

1945: 'Third World War' LONDON - Dr. Josef Goebbels turned the crystal ball in his heavy propaganda hand today [Feb. 23] and saw Germany defeated. In the weekly newspaper "Das Reich," the Minister of Propaganda wrote there will be "a third world war" in 1948, when Russia would attack Britain in occupied Germany - and afterwards the United States. Dr. Goebbels' article, quoted by the German radio, foresaw President Roosevelt defeated at the next presidential election by Republican isolationists who would immediately withdraw American troops from Europe.

OPINION/LETTERS

Things to Do While the Economic News Is Still Cheery

WASHINGTON — "The performance of the U.S. economy in 1994, was, in a word, outstanding. The econohealthy expansion of strong of the 156,000 civilian jobs being growth and modest inflation in cut from 1993 to 1996, some 83

more than a generation." President Bill Clinton had reason to brag in the annual economic report he submitted to Congress last week. But he and the rest of us - should enjoy it while we can because it just won't last. Things will get

worse, perhaps much worse. Sorry to be so pessimistic. but I've been examining the numbers. Like Aesop's ant, we Americans should be taking advantage of the wonderful present to prepare for the gloomy future. Take a closer look:

Defense: The United States is currently spending only about a good bet that the fall of com-4 percent of gross domestic munism won't end the need to product on defense. That figure is the lowest in half a century, is the lowest in half a century, all security—just as the fall of and it is the main reason the fascism in 1945 didn't. budget deficit has declined three

By James K. Glassman

percent are in defense.

The question is, how long can home-buying market. this go on? Military buildups come in cycles. America disarmed after World War II, then rearmed for Korea; it disarmed again in the mid-'60s and rearmed for Vietnam; it disarmed once more in the 1970s, then rearmed in the 1980s.

Now the country is the bottom of the cycle, spending just 16 percent of the federal budget on defense, compared with percent in the early 1960s. No one knows where the next threat is coming from, but it's spend lots of money on nation-

Interest rates: Mortgage rates

years in a row. The Clinton ad- rose in 1994, but they're still word, outstanding. The econoministration crows about reduction my has not enjoyed such a ministration crows about reduction in any year between who aren't used to sharp of all Americans arrested for ing the government payroll, but 1973 and 1992. If history is a changes in stock prices. Are murder or robbery fall within more Americans out of the

Other rates will surely rise as well. For example, the presi- on entitlements was largely igdent's experts base their budget projections on the rosy scenario that the rate on three-month frightening statistics that show Treasury notes will be 7.0 per- and Medicare. From here on, cent. But in the 1980s, rates it's all downhill. were never that low in any year. was 14 percent.

as 14 percent. ers supporting each retiree. By the federal debt is now so the year 2030, there will be fewhigh that, if interest rates are just or than three. The Social Securilent teens in the pipeline for the point higher than the White ty trust fund is now running next 15 to 18 years."

House projects between 1996 a fat surplus (which, of course, In an interview, Mr. Fagan and the year 2000, the total defi-cit will rise by \$142 billion. gets borrowed to help pay for part of the federal deficit). The

The stock market: During the annual surpluses are narrowing past three years. Americans and will disappear entirely withhave poured \$300 billion into in 20 years. Then, by the year stock mutual funds, and, despite a flat performance in been built up in the fund will be And that joll 1994, the market has risen an average of 8 percent annually out, much lower Social Security social outlook. over that time. Investors have been relatively

content - and no wonder. perts gave chilling testimony on Stocks have enjoyed their lowest volatility in a century. The difference between the high point and the low in each of the past three years "has been around 10 percent versus an average of about 25 percent," said Richard T. McCabe, chief market analyst for Merrill Lynch & Co.

Mr. McCabe believes the groups has been dropping. But

calm can't last. With increased it's now bottoming out and will volatility could come panic - soon start rising. especially among new investors For example, more than half

tions? Don't count on it.

This year, for example, there

2029, all of the money that has

crime before the Senate Judicia-

Committee. Their message:

The violent crime rate has been

Their predictions were

based on simple arithmetic.

Most crimes are committed by

young people, and the popula-

tion within crime-prone age

benefits are a certainty.

dropping, but just wait."

guide, higher rates are inevitamutual funds companies ready a single, small age group: 16 to ble, and they'll price many for an avalanche of redemp- 24 years old. But the population within that cohort has fall-Entitlements: The Kerrey- en by an incredible 20 percent Danforth Commission's report over the past 15 years. During the next 15 years, the Census nored when it was issued last Bureau expects it will increase December, but it contains some by about 12 percent. That is a huge demographic change — Treasury bills will be 5.5 per- that we're reaching the high- and it could be a bloody and cent and the rate on 10-year water mark for Social Security expensive one, for both governments and individuals.

"I don't see any good indica-tors for the future," said Patrick In 1982, the average T-bill rate are about five American work- Fagan of the Heritage Foundation, one of the four who testified. "We've got too many vio-

> also reminded me that the proportion of children born out of wedlock, now at 31 percent, should cross the 50 percent mark between 2010 and 2015, "Everything looks bad," he said.

And that jolly remark pretty well sums up the economic and

But Americans should resist Crime: Last week, four ex- the urge to get back in bed and pull the covers over their heads. There is work to be done, and now is the time to do it - while the economy is still strong. The government has to get its fiscal house in order, and people have to start building their own reserves. If we wait too long, the window of opportunity will be slammed shut.

The Washington Post.

Above All, Recalling Their Mates

By Richard Reeves

ANBERRA — On the 53rd anniversary last week of the fall of Singapore to invading Japanese, the Australian government honored the 31,088 Australian men and women taken as prisoners of war during World War II. As the survivors gathered at the war memorial overlooking the city on Feb. 15, police blocked buses carrying Japanese tourists.

They were afraid of what might happen if the old "diggers" saw the children and grandchildren of their guards. Australian memory is

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enshrined in these numbers: 8,712 Aussies were captured by Germans during the war and 8,448 of them came home; 22,376 were captured by the Japanese and 8,031 of them died in captivity — the greatest number of them from starvation and exhaustion building the Burma-Thailand railroad. More than a third of Australians, according to polls, believe Japan is still a military threat to their freedom. More than 40 percent believe the Japanese have secret stores of nuclear arms. War and remembrance. But there are different kinds of statistics

now. Japan is Australia's principle trading partner - one-quarter of its exports go to Tokyo - and Australian companies have a \$3.1 billion trade surplus with their Japanese customers. So there is an uncomfortable clash between the business of 1995 and the brutality of 1942. As in the United States, Australia does its commercial best to sanitize the events of 50 years ago. The Feb. 15 ceremonies were the first official tribute to the World War II POWs. The Canberra Times lead story that day referred to "the enemy," avoiding mention of Japan. But the old men remembered; mainly they remembered their "mates," the Aussies who died in Japanese camps. The ceremony went on despite quiet Japanese protests and the complaints of the Japanese ambassador

that he was not invited.

(A few years ago in Paris at the premiere of "The Last Emperor." a very anti-Japanese film. I found myself seated next to the Japanese ambassador to France. We chatted, but he made no concession that the events depicted on the screen, the invasion of Manchuria, had anything to do with him or his country. They don't acknowledge, they don't apologize, which is why so many Australians still hate them, trade or no trade.)

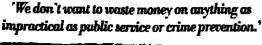
The ceremonies on a crystal late summer day (in the Southern Hemisphere) were among the most impressive I have ever seen. The Aussies, I guess, learned from the British. Prime Minister Paul Keating was uncommonly eloquent, leaving men in tears, not all of

them Australian, saying:
"Perhaps we should bring two messages to this commemoration. One is the message of faith and courage — the love of freedom and fairness, pragmatism, resourcefulness and perseverance and, above all, the love of this place. The love of Australia ... those indefinable bonds between them we call 'mateship.""

One of the survivors, Arthur Wright, said: 'No man on the Burma line was allowed to die alone. Always he had a mate by his side. You never let a bloke just die."

And Mr. Keating ended with his second message: "We should never forget the evil that was done in these prison camps. The outrage that we feel about what was done on the Burma-Thailand railway ... should never fade. Our children must know these things-. . . . But, too, we must also heal. We owe it to our children that they are not obliged to live in a world poisoned by old hatreds."

It was another example to me of the power of experienced and shared history. Will their children remember? I don't know, and obviously the Australians do not either. The day after the ceremony, the Ministry of Veterans Affairs offered \$20,000 to any playwright who could "help Generation X'ers understand what it was like in the Depression and war. Universal Press Syndicate.





LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Global Economic Policy

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The writer is quite correct to highlight the shortcomings of the Warnings on Mexico Group of Seven — a group representing just 12 percent of the world's people, which attempts to provide leadership on global economic issues. However, it is inconsistent to dismiss our proposal for an Economic Security Council while supporting the idea of an expanded and more representative G-7-style group proposed by Peter Sutherland of the World Trade Organization. Given the lack of collusion,

there is a quite remarkable match between Mr. Sutherland's concern about a "structural deficit" in terms of making and implementing global economic policy and the ideas put forward by the Commission on Global Government

on Global Governance. The commission's proposal is for a global forum (at the finance minister and heads of government level) that can provide leadership in economic, social and environmental fields. It would comprise the major economies, including Russia and China, plus representation from important regional groupings. There should be no major new bureaucratic apparatus, and it would work closely with the Bretton Woods institutions, not in opposition to them.

Mr. Dale misleads when he suggests that this is a scheme for the world economy to be put under some kind of UN supervision. As proposed, an Economic Security Council would be a deliberative rather than executive body. But, because of its standing, it would be a place like the UN Security Council where states (including the United States) decide they can achieve more by working together than acting separately.

STEFAN NOREEN. Director, Commission on Global Governance.

The writer replies: The big difference is that the commission

Corrections

In "A Message of Thanks to Japan's Many Friends" (Opin-ion, Feb. 8), by Foreign Minister Yohei Kono, the introductory sentence should read: The great earthquake that struck Japan in the early hours of Jan. 17 was the worst natural disaster Japan

has experienced in 70 years. In "The French Campaign Could Yet Be a Race" (Opinion, Feb. 11), by William Pfaff, the two-round presidential election is said to take place on consecutive veekends. The correct dates are April 23 and May 7.

wants the United Nations involved and Mr. Sutherland does not. Mr. Regarding "The G-7 Is Becoming a Cold War Relic"
(Thinking Ahead, Feb. 21) by particularly in the United States, of this distinction.

Robert Kuttner has long been a critic of free trade, so it is not surprising that, in the midst of the peso crisis, he again attacks The North American Free Trade Agreement ("Leave NAFTA's Cheer leaders Down in Their Hole Without a Ladder" Opinion, Jan. 21, 1995). He is wrong to suggest, however, that we exaggerated the gains and dismissed the risks of the pact. In fact, our analysis detailed many of the problems that have now beset the Mexican economy.

Our estimates of the eco nomic effects of NAFTA, spelled out in our 1992 book ²North American Free Trade," were conditioned on the continuation of the Mexican reform program, including fiscal and monetary restraint. We regarded NAFTA as only one component of a broader reform process needed to attract substantial capital inflows. While this assumption was admittedly optimistic, we cautioned that our estimates were designed to portray the outer bound of potential economic effects.

Furthermore, we warned in February 1993 about "a major cloud ... over Mexican skies' due to the burgeoning Mexican current account deficit and the growing danger of peso over-valuation. We argued that the achievement of the trade gains forecast by our study (and cited by Mr. Kuttner) depended on Mexico constraining its current account deficit to about 3 percent of GDP. In the event, Mexico's deficit in 1994 was about B percent of GDP.

In addition, recognizing that countries must adapt to changing circumstances in world markets, we recommended in our February 1993 study "NAFTA: An Assessment" that "when new fiscal, monetary, or exchange rate policies are adopted in one of the partner countries. the others should be consulted in advance." At a minimum, we added, "these meetings could help avert the tendency ... to blame NAFTA for all plant closings, labor dislocation and other bad economic tidings."

In short, we not only drew attention to the macroeconomic pitfalls that could and did beset Mexico, but also accurately predicted the sort of misinformed analysis now emanating from Mr. Kuttner and others.

GARY CLYDE HUFBAUER. JEFFREY J. SCHOTT. Institute for International Economics. Washington.



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There are an estimated 150 million red, blue and robber crabs in the rain forest of Christmas Island.

By Michael Richardson International Revold Tribun

HRISTMAS ISLAND - Five years ago, passengers alighting from the sole weekly flight linking Christmas Island to the outside world came from Perth, 2,600 kilometers (1,600 miles) away on the Australian

Today, only two of the seven scheduled flights to the island each week are from Perth. The rest are from Jakarta. They carry an odd mixture of gamblers coming to try their luck in the island's new casino and eco-tourists drawn to a pristine natural world with such unique wildlife that some scientists refer to it as the "Galapagos of the Indian Ocean.'

Formed in isolation over tens of millions of years, the 135-square-kilometer (52-square-mile) island has 13 species of land crabs, 18 birds, 14 snails, five lizards, two bats, a shrew and a burrowing blind

snake that are indigenous. Quite a few of them - such as Abbott's booby and the Christmas frigate bird, both sea birds - are not found anywhere else in the world. Both the sea and land birds show little fear of humans, making it possible to see them at very close range.

There are an estimated 150 million red, blue and robber crabs living in the rain forest that covers 75 percent of the island, which is an Australian territory. Each year at the start of the rainy season around November or December, the red crabs migrate to the shoreline in their millions to breed. Some weeks later, they return to the forest followed, after a while, by millions of baby red crabs.

Christmas Island is a fantastic place for anyone interested in nature," said Graeme Beech, the Australian government's chief conservator. "It's a living laboratory similar to the Galapagos Islands off Ecuador in the Pacific Ocean." BOUT 63 percent of the island.

including the surrounding reef, is designated a national park. Leanne Hamence, a manager of the Indian Ocean Diving Academy, said that growing numbers of divers and sport fishermen were attracted to the cause of its very clear waters and abundance of fish and coral. "It's all so untouched and uncommer-

cial that we are starting to get world recognition as an eco-tourism destination," she said.

The gamblers come mainly from Indonesia, Singapore and other countries in AUSTRALIA

Southeast Asia where gaming is banned or severely restricted. The really high rollers arrive by executive jet and are whisked away from the airport's new mini-terminal in stretch limousines along a road that still has gravel sections but will soon be entirely paved with tarmac.

the change in flight patterns to Christ-kisland, 360 kilometers south of Indoicea and 45 minutes flying time from Jakarta, says something about its shifting econômic orientation as well as its geographic location.

Tan Sim Kiat, director of the Christmas Island Tours and Travel agency, arrived from Penang in Malaysia in 1973 to work as a plant operator on the island's phosphate mine, which until a few years ago was the main source of employment and income. He has prospered. He owns a service station and a fleet of 30 rental cars and four-wheel-drive vehicles.

With a resident population of about 2,500, the island has a majority of Chinese, Malays and some Indians. White Australians are in a minority.

"The Asians and Europeans all join together as one big happy family here," said Tan. "It's a very friendly place."

It was not always that way. Discovered by a British explorer on Christmas Day in 1643, the uninhabited island became a settled British colony only in 1888 because its phosphate was wanted as fertilizer. Asians were shipped in as indentured laborers to work in often appalling conditions for very little pay, digging out the phosphate deposits by hand. Hundreds died because of the poor diet and inadequate medical care. Even when the British transferred control of Christmas Island to Australia in 1958, pay and working condi-

tions remained well below those on the Australian mainland.

The phosphate business — just the removal of stockpiles now — still employs about 100 people. But by far the biggest source of work now is the hotelcasino, which has 142 rooms and a staff of nearly 400. Owned largely by Indonesian interests, it is doing so well that another section with about 50 rooms is under construction. Gambling revenue in 1994, the first full year of operation, amounted to about 500 million Australian dollars (\$370 million).

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Geoff Taylor, general manager of Christmas Island Resort Pty., the company that runs the hotel-casino, said that although the venture was intended to cater to the gamblers, there was also strong demand from tourists. While there were some clean and comfortable motel rooms available on the island, the hotel-casino provided the first international-standard accommodation.

HE Australian government is spending 132 million Australian dollars in the five years to 1997 to upgrade roads, sewage, water supplies, health care, schools, electricity and town amenities.

Dan Gillespie, the Australian government-appointed administrator of the island, said the local authorities hoped to attract a number of high-quality resort and residential developments, a private. hospital and an English and Asian languages training center. Along with ecotourism, this would help give Christmas Island a solid economic future as a bridge between Asia and mainland Australia, he said.

But as the number of residents and visitors increases, there are concerns that the interests of development and conservation may clash.

"Given our unique natural assets," Beech said, "we have an enormous responsibility to ensure that development and tourism remain sustainable."

Once again, American movie posters are proving too steamy for the French: Lyon has said no to Robert Aliman's "Prêt-à-Porter." The sequel to that Brando movie might have to be "Last Tango in Peoria."

> for family viewing; few cliches are left unturned; the

motor purrs with the kind of

lawn-mower efficiency that

the French envy in American

moviemaking, and a remake

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Directed by Francesca Archi-

After three splendid films about the subtle anxieties

and disappointments of her

generation. Francesca Archi-

bugi leaps back to a story set

in the turn-of-the-century Si-

enese countryside to try her

hand at historical drama.

And the outcome is less than

satisfactory. Based on a little-

known novel by Umberto

Tozzi, "Con Gli Occhi Chiu-

(Joan Dupont, IHT)

cannot be far away.

bugi. Italy.

Seeking Powder in Beckton Alps

By Susan Keselenko Coll ONDON - There are at least two good reasons for the existence of a ski slope in the London Docklands. One is to give out-ofshape skiers a place to brush up on their parallel turns before heading off to Switzerland.

The second is apparently that no one could think of a better use for the 200-meter-high (609-foot) slag heap that was the former home to Beckton Gas Light & Coke Co. These days, they call it "Beckton Alps."

And that white stuff on the hill is called Dendix, a nylon matting material that looks like toothbrush bristle and is the English answer to snow.

Beckton Alps is one of about 90 "dry" ski slopes in the country, according to David Hearns of the Ski Club of Great Britain. making Britain a world leader in this seemingly peculiar form of recreation. Hearns says that dry-slope skiing provides a good way of practicing, particularly for the average British skier who spends only about two weeks a year on real slopes. Though he concedes that there's "not too much of a carving sensation" on Dendix, Hearns maintains that dry skiing still provides a very similar feel to the real thing, and requires the same physical movements.

On a recent, unseasonably warm morning at Beckton Alps, things were not running smoothly. A cable on the towline was broken, and the underground sprinkler system had failed. The manager, Sergio

Cis, returned from the local convenience store armed with a case of Mr. Sheen furniture polish, which he instructed his staff to use liberally in dousing the bottoms of skis.

Cis, who says he was hired four months ago to help revamp Beckton Alps when it was bailed out of receivership, explained that the otherwise pleasant weather conditions spelled slow going on the slopes. In the absence of rain or a functional sprinkler system, Mr. Sheen provides the only hope.

Born in the Dolomites of northern Italy, Cis knows his snow from his Dendix, and yet he says the skiing is excellent as long as the surface is kept moist: "If it's raining it's lovely, it's beautiful, it's absolutely magic," he said. Which is fortunate, since what London lacks in snowfall is more than made up for in rain.

ECKTON ALPS has several features to help distinguish it from the handful of other slopes just outside the London metropolitan area. First, there is its location, offering a panoramic view of the Thames and the London City Airport, as well as the masatment works (with accompanying wasts of scent) and the East Ham Jewish Cemetery.

Then there is its historic belly. One Beckton Alps employee explained that beneath the Dendix lies a meter or so of clay, and under that sits coke and coal waste matter, rubble from the construction of the new British Library, and a steam loco-motive that was considered too cumber-

some to move. "It was a real eyesore," he

More importantly, Beckton Alps has one of the steepest slopes in town, which means hat, in the absence of the fence at the bottom, it might be possible to slalom directly into Carpet City, located just across the street in the Beckton Retail Park.

That it is relatively steep does not mean that it is correspondingly wide: One slowly snowplowing reporter was enough to bring ski traffic to a standstill, while a dozen or so ski students watched with pity until the path was clear. There is not a lot of room for miscalculation: A poorly executed turn will land you in the ski lift, or, alternatively, in a pile of dirt. And it's harder to get up should you crash-land at the bottom; a pole seems to plant less easily in Dendix than it does in snow.

What Beckton Alps may lack in romance, however, is made up for with a solid stab at authenticity. A huge billboard boasts that the slope was used as the backdrop for a recent feature on snowboarding. And the Alpine Bar and Mountain Top Restaurant has all the trappings of an Aspen ski lodge, with earthy wood interior, pictures of robust skiers on the patrons stomping around noisily in ski boots, trailing stray bits of white

nylon filament. You won't find Beckton Alps in the guidebooks, but the slope is open year-round, and skiing in London is about as memorable as it gets.

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Heavyweights Directed by Steven Brill.

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This scatterbrained family comedy has the distinction of being the first Hollywood film to aim its satirical sights at a particularly juicy target: the self-improvement gurus who proliferate on television infomercials. As Tony Perkis, a demented fitness fanatic who takes over a summer camp for overweight boys, Ben Stiller gives a hyperkinetic performance that is only a twitch or two lower in spasmodic frenzy than Jim Carrey during one of his seizures. The movie's funniest (and grossest) scene is a boyish junk-food orgy, replete with fireworks, that leaves dozens of campers nearly unconscious, their faces caked with gook, groaning and belching on a lawn that has been turned into a garbage dump. In a movie that exalts the forbidden charms of Taco Bell, McDonald's and Twinkies, the party is the

equivalent of a Fourth of July celebration. (Stephen Holden, NYT)

Tokyo Kyodai

Directed by Jun Ichikawa. If the title, "Brothers and Sisters of Tokyo," is redolent of the great Yasujiro Ozu, this is intentional, because this new picture by one of Japan's most consistently interesting contemporary directors, is a true tribute to the late master. Though the style is not Ozu's - no consistant sitting-on-tatami shots, no ban on pans - the world we are shown is that of Ozu. A brother and sister, orphaned, live together in an old Japanese-style house in old downtown Tokyo. Ozu's red coffee pot sits on the kotatsu and she cooks him his tofu every night, playing wife to his hus-

band. When she finds an out-

side boyfriend, however, he resents it - and the family falls apart in the finest Ozu tradition. At the same time the film is as much a Jun Ichikawa original as it is an Ozu replica. The concerns of both directors are much the same: The world they know is vanishing. This has been the younger director's theme for some time (as in the admirable 1993 "To Die in Hospital") and it was Ozu's for life. What is also similar is the two directors' attitudes: questioning accepting elegiac deeply human. And with this new film Ichikawa shows just how fine he has become. We have had lots of Ozu retrospectives - now Ichikawa deserves his own. (Donald Richie, IHT)

A Great Day in Hariem Directed by Jean Bach. U. S.

Anyone with the misconception that the spirit of a particular music is not a direct reflection of the souls of the musicians who created it must see "A Great Day m Harlem," Jean Bach's small and very moving documentary about the jazz life. The film is ostensibly about the shooting of a famous photograph for the January 1959 issue of Esquire magazine. But it is really a loving remembrance of a loosely knit community of musicians, the majority of whom are now dead, who cherished one an other and created a body of music that will live forever. Charles Mingus, Gene Krupa, Sonny Rollins, Maxine Sullivan, Jimmy Rushing, Coleman Hawkins, Mary Lou Williams, Thelonious Monk, Lester Young, Gerry Mulligan, Roy Eldridge, Diz-zy Gillespie and Count Basie were among those who arrived to be photographed on a brownstone stoop in New York. Mona Hinton's home movie and Mike Lipskin's photographs of the event are



Tony Perkis (Ben Stiller), on a bed of nails, proving his toughness in "Heavyweights."

skillfully interwoven along with interviews and dazzling film clips of performances into a movie that has the structure of a semi-improvised jazz suite. (Stephen Holden, NYT)

Gazon Maudit Directed by Josiane Balasko.

France. There is little more to this odd couple farce than meets the eye — it's "La Cage aux Folles" with a twist — the Folles are women. Josiane Balasko's comedy is a send-up of the nuclear family that ends up a moral tale. There's the philandering husband (Alain Chaban who falls asleep on its allorable wife, asieep on assignable was Loli (Victorial Abril). Enter Marijo (Balasilo), a truck driver who resembles Nana from Peter Pane a big tame watchdog of heart and hearth. She tarms out to be irresistible to Loli and even helps with the kids. When the

husband catches on, he

comes home quick. The mov-

ie treats a subject that could be dynamite and defuses it in front of our eyes with a demonstration that lesbians, like truck drivers, are sympa: They may come from another world, smoke cigars and talk tough, but they're harmless. Loli doesn't leave her hus-band; indeed, she enjoys him more, and he becomes nicer. Marijo dreams of quitting the road of marginal sexuality for domesticity, so where's the breakthrough? Balasko's grassy plot is trimmed neat si" (With Closed Eyes) is a story of love, denial and disillusion between Pietro, the son of a wealthy estate owner, and Ghisola, the daughter of one of his tenant farmers. Archibugi, her art director and her costume designer are scrupulous in re-creating the rustic, slightly decadent ambience of the Tuscan countryside. Even the dialogue, written by Archibugi, is con-sonant with the time period. Yet the drama and passion of "Con Gli Occhi Chiusi" are frustratingly inaccessible. It is difficult to empathize with any of the characters, or even to understand them. Despite the fine performances of Marco Messeri as Pietro's despotic father, and Debora Caprioglio as the adult Ghisola, the film's pulse is weak and irregular, beating spasmodically along in short, at times effective, but generally inconclusive scenes. Archi-

sometimes forgets that her audience does not. (Ken Shulman, IHT)

bugi obviously comprehends

the dialects and nuances that

animate her story. Yet she

knows them so well that she

For Starters, a Promise

By Patricia Wells International Herald Tribine

ARIS - You might well call it a "starter" restaurant: a young and ambitious chef, a modest affair, an equally young clientele with a taste for something new. Martia! Enguehard had successfully completed a term as chef at one of France's large hotel chains at the Sofitel Sevres — fulfilling the French chef's equivalent of military service. He was ready to move on.

Last fall he opened La Timbale Saint-Bernard, a small, narrow restaurant on Rue des Fossés-Saint-Bernard on the Left Bank, a street already known for some good eateries (the fine Lyonnais bistro Moissonnier is at number 28 and the hearty Moulin à Vent-Chez Henri at number 20).

Freshly bedecked in a rather harsh blue-and-yellow decor obviously meant to remind one of the Mediterranean, it's also clearly designed to suggest that this is a nice place but not too fancy or ruinously

Enguehard's cuisine shows promise: at last a chef who seems to be thinking a dish through, not just going "creative" for the thrill of it, for a diversion.

His millefeuille of tomatoes and goat cheese is little more than a pleasant layering of thinly sliced tomatoes and a mixture of goat cheese and herbs. But it's done with enough attention that it's light and refreshing, and served with a nicely dressed salad of lamb's lettuce, varied greens and radicchio.

Equally fine and invigorating was his professional mix of fresh squid prepared à la grecque, simmered in a coriander-rich broth and served with a tumble of artichokes and carrots in a creamy sauce.

I adored his Thai-style shrimp soup, a bright, copious and filling rendition of an Oriental fash shripp, a good dose of spices, wild mushrooms, leeks, potatoes and cabbase into a stimulating main course that takes a new look at the foods and cuisines popular with young diners today.

Enguehard turns his totally classic side to good advantage with a traditional rendition of a grilled turbot with healthy, warming portions of potatoes and mushrooms.

Desserts include a delicious compote of rhubarb set atop a wonderfully crunchy round of meringue (if only more cooks would bring back the long-neglected art of meringue making), surrounded by dried apricots, prunes and almonds. Service is exceptionally friendly and sincere, food arrives hot from the kitchen, and prices are thoroughly affordable, with menus priced at 128 and 158 francs (about \$25 and \$30).

La Timbale Saint-Bernard, 16/18 Rue des Fossés-Saint-Bernard, Paris 5, tel: 46-34-28-28. Closed Sunday and Saturday lunch. Credit cards: Visa, American Express. Menus at 128 and 158 francs; à la carte, 200 francs including service but not wine.

Wine for the Saints (Maybe Sinners, Too)

By Kate Singleton

IENZA, Italy - In rural central Italy the supreme traditional token of hospitality is to be offered a glass of Vin Santo, a strong amber wine that is both dry and velvety in its ripeness. No matter what the time of day, a bottle of the clear, pale gold wine will be taken out of the tall cabinet in the rarely used front room and placed with special glasses on the table before the Important Guest.

Importance is, of course, relative: You may be important because you're the village doctor, or a teacher, or a successful local entrepreneur, or a neighboring farmer whose woods yield good crops of wild mushrooms, or indeed because you come from a foreign country. and are therefore doing the area an honor by visiting it.

Honor must be reciprocated with honor, be it in a patrician villa or one of the brash new and comfortable homes built on the hillside just outside the old town walls to house yesteryear's contadini, the farm laborers whose rambling rural dwellings have been bought by city professionals.

As the name suggests, Vin Santo ("wine for the saints") was once much favored by village priests, who evidently knew how to get the best out of their flocks and were

also interested in hosts, albeit of a differ-ent sort. For Italian country folk, true hospitality has always meant offering the guest the very best. Italy has plenty of gastronomic specialties that would delight any visitor. But what makes Vin Santo so special is the fact that, apart from its delectability, it is absurdly uneconomical to make. It is thus precious.

In October, when the grapes are har-vested, upholders of the Vin Santo tradition hang selected bunches of white grapes under the roof rafters until they are dry. Around Christmas the raisins are pressed, and the juice that comes out is poured into wooden kegs containing la madre, that is, enough of the previous year's Vin Santo sediment to beget another generation. The kegs are then placed under the eaves for at least four years so that the winter cold and summer heat can play their part in the transfor-mations and evaporations necessary for such enological alchemy. With patience and devotion one bottle of Vin Santo may be obtained from the grapes that produce half a dozen bottles of wine.

"Lots of people use malvasia grapes, but the variety we've been using for gen-erations is different," said Marilena Fre-goli. "It's small and white and has a black dot on each fruit that accounts for

its rather unfortunate name: pulcinculo. "Each year we pick around 2,500 kilos of pulcinculo, which will ultimately produce around 200 liters of Vin Santo. We've been using the same madre for several centuries and have never given any away or used anything else ourselves. The barrels are all up in the attics just as they were in the days of my forbears. We actually wait for 13 to 18

years before consuming our Vin Santo. "And when it's ready, we don't bottle it but withdraw what we require drop by drop direct from the keg. This all takes place by candlelight: Anything stronger would harm the wine. It's a sort of rite, something that you have to feel for and

REGOLI is actually a teetotaler who judges the wines produced on her family estate at Pienza, due south of Siena, by their bouquet alone. And anyone visiting her restaurant at Pienza will appreciate that she has a discerning nose as well as a fine palate. She opened Il Prato a year ago because I wanted to play a small part in making sure that some of our finest culinary traditions were not lost in an age when people hardly have time for real hospitality and its implications any more.

"Our home farms grow the produce from which the pasta and sauces are made, and our cheeses, game and meats are also local. Otherwise these tastes would be lost. Genuine Vin Santo is a case in point"

Vin Santo can be bought in many small

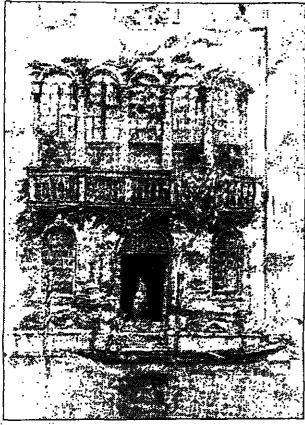
wine stores in the towns of Tuscany and Umbria. It won't be the precious clixir made by the Fregolis or other families who have maintained the arts of the past, but it may be a palatable alternative.

To defend standards, a number of the smaller wine consortia of central Italy have persuaded their members to agree on definitions of production methods. For example, to counteract the presence on the market of would-be Vin Santos made by cutting local wines with fortified marsala-type imports from the south or by adding sugar, the Consortium of the Vino Nobile di Montepulciano has established precise norms concerning grape varieties, yield per hectare, drying techniques, barrel size and quality, and the length of the aging process. Producers who respect these norms are awarded the DOCG label, which is a guarantee

for buyers, who will be spending 20,000 to 30,000 lire (\$12.50 to \$19) per bottle.

To nibble cantucci (traditional dry cookies made with whole almonds) that have been dipped in Vin Santo is a pleas-ant way of ending a meal: one that is conducive to conversation, to relaxation, to letting time slip by. Yet it pales beside just sipping a glass of homemade Vin Santo in someone's immaculate front room and enjoying the honor of true hospitality. Long may it last.

Kate Singleton lives in Italy and writes frequently on cultural affairs.







Samples from the major retrospective of James Whistler's work at Musée d'Orsay in Paris: "Balcony," "La Giudecca" and "Gold and Brown" exemplify his use of drypoint, pastel and chalk, and oil techniques.

AUSTRIA

KunstHaus Wien, tel: (1) 712-0495, open daily. To April 16: "Visionare and Vertriebene." Visionaries and the Persecuted is dedicated to the Austrian influence on modern American architecture, by architects who emigrated to the United States between 1911 and 1941. Features works by Joseph Urban, Rudolph Schindler and Victor Gruen.

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Palais des Beaux-Arts, tel: (71) 30-15-97, closed Mondays. To May 21: "Flemminghi a Roma, 1508-1608: Artists from the Low Countries and the Principality of Liege in Rome dur-ing the Renaissance." Features the works of the Flemish artists who travworks at the Figures to use who trav-eled to Italy in the 16th century, and documents their influence on Italian artists. Includes works by Jan Gos-saert, Rubens and Pieter Bruegel, as well as drawings, engravings, sculp-tures and tapestries.

Liege Theatre Royal, tel: (41) 23-67-65. A new production of "Der Fliegende Hollander." Directed by Dieter Kaegi, conducted by Friedrich Pleyer, with Gabriele Maria Ronge and Bent Norup, March 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11.

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Cambridge
Fitzwilliam Museum, tel: (223) 332900, closed Mondays. To April 9:
"Rubens and his influence." Rubens's influence on his contemporaries and foreign artists in the 18th and 19th centuries is shown through his own centuries is shown through his own drawings and those of his contemporaries, Bruegel, Van Dyck and Jordaens, as well as in the works of subsequent artists such as Watteau, Delacrok and Degas.

Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, tel: (31) 556-8921, open daily. To April 30: "Contemporary British Art in Print." 20th-century

print projects, including works by An-ish Kapoor, Peter Howson, Antony Gormley and Ken Currie.

London British Museum, tel: (71) 636-1555, open daily. To March 26: "East Meets West: Chinese Trade Porce-lain." A selection of Chinese porcetain ornaments and tableware made specifically for sale to European mer-chants between the 16th and 19th centuries. The exhibition will travel to

National Gallery, tel: (71) 839-1785, open daily. To May 21: "Span-ish Still Life: From Velasquez to Goya." 70 still lifes painted in Spain, from 1746 to 1828. Also includes works by Cotan, the monk-painter from Toledo, Juan van der Hamen, who painted for the king and nobles at the court in Madrid, and Zurbaran. Royal Academy of Arts, tel: (71) 494-5615, open daily. To May 21: "Odilon Redon: Prince of Dreams." Brings together 180 works by the visionary artist; including his early "noirs," i.e. charcoal drawings, as well as oil paintings, pastels and wa-tercolors. Although a contemporary of the Realists and the Impression-Redon created dreamlike pastels and paintings which often draw on the nascent discipline of psychoanalthe nescent discipline of psycholener-ysis with its emphasis on dreams. Continuing to April 9: "Nicolas Pous-sin." More than 80 peintings by the 17th-century French painter. Poussin drew his subject matter from biblical, historical or mythological sources. Related exhibitions are organized at the Wallace Collection, the Dutwich Picture Gallery and the National Gallery.

FRANCE

Musée d'Orsay, tel: (1) 40-49-48-14, closed Mondays. Continu-ing/To April 30: "Whistler, 1834-1903:" Features 66 paintings, including "The Little White Girl" and "Portrait of the Ariss's Mother," 100 drawings, engravings and watercol-ors, as well as 20 pastels by the

CLOSING SOON

On Feb. 25: "Pascin, 1885-1930." Musée-Galerie de la Selta, Paris. On Feb. 26: "Florence Illuminated: Painting and Illumination in Early Re-naissance Florence, 1300-1450." Metropolitan Museum, New York. On Feb. 26: "Sir James Gunn." Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh.
On Feb. 26: "Time Machine: Ancient Egypt and Contemporary Art." British Museum, London.

On Feb. 26: "Paris: Belle Epoque." Kunsthalle der Hypo-Kulturstiftung, Munich. On Feb. 26: "The Art of Devotion, 1300-1500." Rijksmuseum, Am-

sterdam.-On Feb. 26: "Painting and Illumina-tion in Early Renaissance Florence, 1300-1450." Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

On Feb. 26: "Good Offices and Beyond: The Evolution of the Work-place." Cooper-Hewitt Museum, New York. On Feb. 26: "Arte at Montecitorio dal XVI al XX Secolo." Camera del De-

puteti, Rome. On Feb. 26: "Rolywholyover a Circus: John Cage." Art Tower Mito, Mito. Jacan.

On Feb. 27: "Cocido y Crudo." Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid.
On Feb. 27: "Bill Viola: Nantes Triptych" 1992." Tate Gallery, London.
On Feb. 27: "Bill Brandt 50 Ans de Photographie." Centre National de la Photographie." Princiographie." Centre National de la Photographie, Paris. On Feb. 27: "La Chine des Origines: Hommage a Lionel Jacob." Musée des Arts Asiatiques-Guimet, Paris. On Feb. 28: "Homage to St. Mark."

Palazzo Ducale, Venice.

Opera Bastille, tel: 43-43-96-96. Verdi's "Un Balio in Maschera." Di-rected by Nicolas Joel, conducted by Antonello Allemandi, with Gegam Grigorian, Gastan Lapemere and Eaglen, March 16, 20, 23, 29

and 31. Waliref-Richartz-Museum, tel: (221) 2-21-23-72, closed Mondays. To April 17: "Meisterzeichnungen: Von Leonardo bis zu Rodin." A selection of miniatures, drawings and wa-tercolors from the graphic arts collec-

tion of the museum, including works by Leonardo, Raphael, Durer, Remrandt, Ingres, Rodin and others. Stuttgart
Statistheater, tel: (711) 203-20. "Il
Barbiere di Siviglia." Directed by
Beat Fah, conducted by Gabriele
Ferro, with Kenneth Tarver, Wolfgang
Koch and Helene Schneiderman.
Feb. 24, 27, March 2, 4 and 6. ISRAEL Jenusalem

Israel Museum, tel: (2) 708-811, open daily. To May 15: "The Ancient Library of Qumran." 12 Dead Sea Scroll fragments including biblical,

sectarian and apocryphal texts of the March 19: "Uldyo-e Prints and Tap-Second Temple period. Also features estries." More than 142 works from Second Temple period, Also features items found in the Qumran caves.

Bologna Galleria d'Arte Moderna, tel: (51) 50-28-59, closed Mondays. To March 26: "Bernard Schultze: Grandi Opere." About 70 large paintings created by the German artist in the last decade, as he continues his "journey into the unknown."

Teatro di San Carlo, tel: (81) 797-2111. Bellini's "I Capuleti e i Montecchi." Conducted by Salvatore Ac-cardo, with Giusy Devinu, Anna Caterina Antonacci and Luca Canonici. March 4, 7, 9, 12 and 14.

Tokyo National Museum of Western Art, tel: (3) 3828-5131, closed Mondays. To March 5: "German Woodcuts of the Reformation Age." 16th-century German woodprints from the Gotha city museum in Germany, including works by Durer and Cranach, as well as political and religious satires. Tokyo National Museum, tel: (3) 38-28-51-31, closed Mondays. To

Yokohama Museum of Art, tel: (45) 221-0300, closed Thursdays, Feb. 23 and March 20. To April 9: "Robert Frank: Moving Out." A retrospective of the work of American photographs (lockwing 180 chesenated). pher, including 180 photographs tak-en between 1944 and 1994, as well as 15 films and videos. The exhibition will travel to Zurich, Amsterdam and New York.

LUXEMBOURG

Casino Luxembourg, tei: (352) 22-50-45, closed Mondays. Continu-ing/To March 26: "Luxe, Calme et Volupté: Regards sur le Post-Impresstonisme." Major artistic themes of the turn-of-the-century are repre-sented in more than 150 paintings.

THE NETHERLANDS

Rijksmuseum, tel: (20) 6-79-81-46, closed Mondays. To May 28: "Ukiyo-e: The Finest Japanese Prints." Color woodcuts of landscapes, portraits of women and actors, and scenes from

daily lite by Hokusai and Hiroshige, among others. At the same time, the Museum of Ethnology in Leiden exthe Royal Museum of Art and History hibits 18th-century prints until April in Belgium. Yokohama

The Hacue Het Paleis, tel: (70) 3381-111, closed Mondays. To April 23; "Rus-sische Avant-Garde 1900-1930." 40 paintings and 30 works on paper from the collection of the Russian physicist Abram Chudnovsky (1910-1985). Works by 40 artists, including Malevich, Chagall, Filonov and Rodchenko, among others, document the diversity of Russian art in the early years of the 20th century.

SPAIN

Teatro de la Zarzuela, tel: 429-8225. "La Traviata," directed by Nuria Espert, conducted by Alberto Zedda, with Cheryl Studer, Alfredo Kraus and Alexandru Agache. March 11, 14, 18, 23 and 26.

IVAM Centre Julio Gonzalez, tel:

(6) 386-3000, closed Mondays. To March 26: "La Nueva Vision: Foto-grafia del Periodo de Entreguerra." On loan from the Metropolitan Muse-um in New York, a selection of photo-

graphs by Man Ray, Stieglitz, Walker Evans, as well as artists such as Brancusi, Magritte or Gropius.

SWITZERLAND Lausanne Fondation de L'Hermitage, tel: (21) 320-50-01, open daily. To May 14: "Edouard Marcel Sandoz." 200 coulptures by the Swiss sculptor (1881-1971). From 1910 on, San-doz carved animals in bronze, marble, glass, and minerals.

Martigny Fondation Pierre Giannada, tel; (26) 22-39-78, open daily. To May 14: "Egon Schiele: Hulles, Dessins et Aquarelles." Dedicated to the work of the Express sionist artist, this exhibi

death, insanity and sex. UNITED STATES

Atlanta High Museum of Art, tel: (404) 577-6940, closed Sundays. To April 9: "Venice and the Artistic Imagination: Prints by Tiepolo, Canaletto and Whistier from the Adolph Weil, Jr. Collec-tion." Features approximately 90 etchings by Tiepolo, Canaletto and Whistler, who were inspired by the

comentic artistic climate of Venice.

New Orleans Museum of Art, tel: (504) 488-2631, closed Mondays and Tuesday, Feb. 28. To March 12: "Monet: Late Paintings of Giverny from the Musee Marmottan." Paintings of Monet's

gardens at Giverny created in the last ades of his life. New York

Guggenheim Museum, tel: (212) 423-3840, closed Thursdays. To May 14: "Ross Bleckner." More than 70 paintings and works on paper by the American painter who came to prominence with his "stripe" paintings. Also, to May 7: "Felix Gonzalez-Torres." 50 works of art, including early conceptual pieces, candy accu-mulations and light bulb arrange-

Metropolitan Opera, tel: (212) 362-6000. A new production of Verdi's "Simon Boccanegra." Conducted by James Levine with Aprile Millo/Andrea Gruber, Franco Farina and Vladimir Chemov. Feb. 25, 28, March 3

Washington Opera, Kennedy Center, tel: (202) 416-7890. Eugen d'Albert's 'Tiefland.'' Directed by Roman Terlecky), conducted by Heinz Fricke, with James O'Neal, Richard drasy. March 18, 23, 26 28 and 31.

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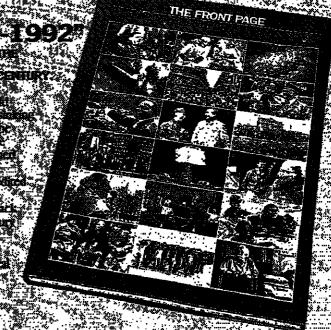
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Simpson Case Contingency Plan

CHINA: It Warns U.S. to Back Off on Rights Resolution

ed States would get nothing by embarrassing China and would

stoke anti-American sentiment

as China prepares for the death

of its paramount leader, Deng

the Chinese foreign minister,

Qian Qichen, warned in a meet-

ing at the White House that China would end its high-level talks on human rights if Wash-ington pressed the condemna-

tory resolution again in 1995.

"The Chinese are making

their displeasure known," a

State Department official said,

"and maybe they have gone a

Hoping to defuse Chinese

suspicions, the State Depart-

ment's senior diplomat on

Asian affairs. Winston Lord, is

• Joan Mondale, wife of

Walter F. Mondale, the U.S.

ambassador to Japan, is reading

"The Kimono Mind: An Infor-

mal Guide to Japan and the Jap-

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about the complexities of Japa-nese life, that things on the sur-

face are not necessarily what

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Mozart, in many ways, a fitting

document for our own therapy-

and personality-obsessed age. In this voluminous work, Sol-

omon attempts to do for Mo-

zart what he has previously done for Beethoven, Schubert

and Charles Ives, that is, apply Freudian principles of analysis to the composer's work and life.

The result is decidedly mixed.

observations in close readings

of Mozart's music, he can deftly

illuminate the composer's tem-

perament and ocuvre. When he

simply allows his speculative in-

As in Solomon's earlier stud-

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plays a central role in this biog-

raphy of Mozart. Solomon has

made much of Beethoven's fan-

tasies of noble birth and Ives's

worship of his father, and in

this volume, he zeroes in on

Mozart's tortured relationship

with his father as the key to his

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Taking a hard line last fall,

New Trial Vowed in Event of a Hung Jury

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles district attorney said Thursday that his office would try O. J. Simpson a second time if his murder trial

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ended in a hung jury or a mistrial. District Attorney Gil Garcetti, in an interview on a CBS News program, said, "If we wind up with a hung jury in this case, I'll tell you right now, if the case is 11-1 in favor of acquittal which would be a shock to me if that happens we will retry this case."

He acknowledged that it would cost Los Angeles taxpayers "an enormous amount of money."
"I know that," he said. "And I don't say that lightly. But I know the strength of this case. I am a public prosecutor. My responsibility is to seek justice and to protect the community. I must go forward based on my evaluation of the

"I'm confident, as you and I are sitting here today, that after the jury hears all of the evidence, gets the law from the judge, that they will do the right thing," he said.

Mr. Simpson is accused in the brutal stabbing deaths last year of his former wife. Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald L. Goldman, outside Mrs. Simpson's home.

In another interview, a prosecutor, Christopher Darden, said Mr. Simpson's attorney was "scoring some points" with his cross-examination, but not enough to overcome the evidence against his client.

Mr. Darden also said that some of the police officers testifying at Mr. Simpson's trial had been too timid on the stand.

"I would like the officers to be a bit more aggressive," Mr. Darden said. "They are answering the questions being put to them, and some of those questions I think are a bit ridiculous. And I wish that they would point that out to the jury on

Mr. Darden said the pace of the trial appeared Bralow said.

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China from its human rights

But Mike Jendrzejczyk, the

Washington director of Human

Rights Watch, said Mr. Clin-

ton's credibility on human

rights "is virtually nil."
"I think they are using this

resolution in an attempt to re-

store credibility to a virtually

dead human rights policy," Mr.

A State Department official

in Washington said that be-

cause "this year there did not

seem to be any significant, con-

crete" improvement in China's

human rights record, the ad-

ministration had concluded

that it could not "justify taking

a different course of action" in

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I that biographies not only

provide a portrait of a single

individual and a single era, but

also serve as uncanny mirrors of

the age in which they were writ-

ten. Nowhere is this more true

than with biographies of fam-

ous artists, artists whose lives

and works are reinterpreted, in

some cases even reinvented, by successive generations of schol-

Mozart, perhaps more than

any other composer, has been

especially subject to this dy-

namic. Early biographies tend-

ed to mythologize the compos-

er, resulting in stark and sometimes highly contradictory

portraits. Some depicted Mo-

zart as a perpetual child, naive,

unworldly and subject to ma-

mipulation, while others por-trayed him as an insatiable Don

Juan, guilty of frittering away

his family's emotional and fi-

More recent biographers

have tried to deconstruct these

potent myths. Wolfgang Hilde-

sheimer's 1982 book ("Mo-zart") attempted "to cleanse

and restore a fresco which has

been painted over repeatedly in

the course of centuries," while

William Stafford's 1991 study

("The Mozart Myths: A Criti-

cal Reassessment") used origi-

nal documents (letters, jour-

nals, scores, etc.) to re-evaluate

popular conceptions of the

composer.

Now, four years after the bi-

centennial of Mozart's death,

nancial security.

Jendrzejczyk said.

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Michiko Kakutani

record.

to be bogging down. He attributed some of that to lengthy cross-examination by the defense,

which he conceded had been effective. "I'm sure he is scoring some points," Mr. Darden said, referring to the lead defense attor-

ney, Johnnie L. Cochran Jr. (Reuters, AP) ■ Personal Dispute Closes a Mock Trial

A mock jury assembled by a newspaper to hear the Simpson trial has been disbanded because of racial and personality conflicts so severe that two members nearly came to blows, The Associated Press reported from Dallas.

"We could not continue to ensure the safety of the people who were participating in the experi-ment," said Jim Witt, who as editor of the Arlington edition of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram

organized the jury.
"I felt the racial tensions in the room had reached a boiling point," he said, "and I don't think there was any way they could make it through another five months."

The paper had chosen 10 people to watch the trial on television each day and offer their opinions for Star-Telegram readers.

The jury was mostly white and mostly male; the real, 12-member Simpson jury is mostly black and mostly female. John Austin, a Star-Telegram reporter, said

there were problems from the start. "I think our stories reflected that there were tensions that came from a number of sources, including gender and generational differences,"

The decision to disband came after an argument that erupted when a white juror did not move out of the way for a black juror, said a member of the panel, Dennis Bralow. He said a third juror got involved because she felt the white panelist, who wears a hearing aid, did not hear

the request to move. The black juror had to be restrained, Mr.

human rights.

That mission was organized

assistant secretary of state for

In addition to condemning

China's human rights perfor-

mance, the proposed resolution

calls on China to cooperate

with UN investigators and to

"take further measures to en-

sure the observance of all hu-

man rights, including the rights

of women, and to improve the

impartial administration of jus-

ment, as a ratification of his

own skills as a teacher and as an

unconscious recapitulation of

his own conflicts with his moth-

er. Although Mozart the child

prodigy seemed only too happy to please his father, difficulties

began to blossom in earnest as

Leopoid Mozart, says Solo-

mon, not only tried to thwart

Mozart's domestic indepen-

dence — undermining his ro-

mantic involvements and trying

to prevent his 1782 marriage to

Constanze Weber — but also

discouraged the riskier, more

innovative steps he took in his

By Alan Truscott

WE are always advised not to leap from the frying pan into the fire, but there are

rare occasions on which the fire

proves preferable. One was a

home game in which four stu-

dents were being supervised by

Steve Hogland who reports the

North was too strong for an

opening of four spades, but chose that bid and East dou-

bled. That contract would sure-

ly have failed probably by two

tricks, but South ventured out of that frying pan into the five-diamond fire. East naturally

A club lead would have re-

sulted in defeat by at least one trick, but West cannot be

blamed for leading the heart

East should no doubt have

won with the ace and shifted to

a club, again defeating the con-tract, but she ducked, which

was not faial. South won with

the queen and faced a virtually

hopeless task. She gloomily put

the diamond king on the table

and brightened considerably

diagramed deal.

doubled.

he reached adolescence.

this year, arguing that the Unit- scribed as "damage control."

BOOKS



FRENCH CORRUPTION CASE — Michel Noir, right, mayor of Lyon, with his lawyer, Mario Stasi, at Lyon courthouse Thursday. Mr. Noir is being tried on charges of accepting gifts and campaign contributions paid for with embezzled money.

In Prison Clash, French Put Toll at 40

New York Times Service

after two warnings, one from China's ambassador in Washington, Li Daoyu, and one from Chinese Foreign Ministry offi-cials to John H.F. Shattuck, the

> fundamentalist group in Algeria, said Thursday that at least. two leading fundamentalists had been killed in the raid.

A year ago, the resolution failed by four votes. This year and Belkacem Tajouri, both the administration has undertaken a broad international tion Front's consultative council, were among the dead. The campaign to win it support.

council runs the affairs of the tants said by various human Front, Algeria's largest opposi-

cape for the 1,000 people held in the prison, including at least

Front who received political asylum in the United States,

rights organizations to be in deention centers.

Islamic militants freed as many as 1,000 prisoners from the Tazult-Lambese prison in southeast Algeria in March

Mr. Haddam's credibility as a representative of the Islamic Salvation Front has been questioned by other senior members of the group, including Rabih Kabir, who lives in Germany and is believed to be the senior representative of Islamic rebels fighting in Algeria.
On Thursday, aides of Mr.

Kabir said he had no comment on the events in Algeria or on Mr. Haddam's claims.

Algeria has banned foreign journalists from the country for nearly a year, with rare exceptions, as a result, information from inside the country is fragmented.

It comes from a wide variety "The massacre, which has left of sources, including former ound 200 victims, follows government officials living in Paris, several Islamic organizations, local newspapers operating under censorship and some Islamic groups believed to be infiltrated by government intelligence agents. The latter inundetermined number of fun- clude Al Fath Al Mubin, which damentalists in the Berouaghia issued the statement Thursday

But in one respect, Mexico

headlong, lured by projections

of huge profits and apparently

unconcerned that they had only a vague idea of what made

Mr. Rubin feared that if in-

vestors bailed out of Mexico.

they would bail out of every-

thing that vaguely resembled it.

pened 20 years ago, of course,

but as the chairman of the Fed-

pointed out in recent testimony,

it can now happen much more

quickly.

That could also have hap-

those economies tick.

Harriman to Sell 3 Classic Paintings

according to present and for- ian officials in connection with

mer CIA officials, has been a a \$1.4 billion telecommunica-

series of public and private tions project in the Amazon

complaints from Washington area. After the matter was

cade of our rubbing their nose the offer by the French compa-

in it," a retired CIA official said ny, Thomson CSF, and won the

Officials Admit U.S.

Spies on Allies, but

ficials admit they use the CIA administration has been protofind out the trade negotiating viding to U.S. companies.

ficial said.

A U.S. official who was fa-

miliar with the situation said

Paris might be responding to

nonintelligence support that the

"The French don't like the

very aggressive stance the Clin-

ton administration has taken

pushing contracts for American

companies, and may have come

from the incorrect assumption

that U.S. intelligence was aid-

ing and abetting them," the of-

The clash with France could

be a sign of conflicts to come,

the officials said, as the end of

the Cold War has led to an

increased focus by governments

and intelligence agencies on

economic and business compe-

other intelligence agencies in

carrying out economic intelli-

gence will be among the sub-

jects studied by a presidential

commission named recently to

evaluate the role and mission of

There are some areas where-

CIA information is used to help

American companies, but the

material does not go directly to the firms, U.S. officials said. If

the CIA learned that corrupt

practices were being used in a way that hurt U.S. business, it

would pass the information to

the State Department to convey

The New York Times report-

ed Sunday that the CIA discov-

ered last spring that the French were offering bribes to Brazil-

brought to the attention of the

Brazilian government, the U.S. company bidding for the proj-

ect, Raytheon Corp., matched

to another government.

the intelligence community.

tition. The work of the CIA and

With a Difference

By Walter Pincus
Washington Past Service

positions of other countries, in-

cluding France, but they stress

that they see an important dif-

ference between how the two

countries conduct the spying

Washington does not send

the CIA or other U.S. intelli-gence services to pilfer commer-

cial secrets that could help U.S.

corporations compete abroad,

U.S. officials said. In contrast,

they stress that France, almost

more than any country, uses its

intelligence agents to help

French businesses, many of

which are owned by the govern-

"This country does not use its

intelligence service to steal pro-

prietary data to give to U.S.

companies," a senior Clinton administration official said.

U.S. officials drew that dis-

tinction Wednesday in the wake

of the dramatic announcement

by France that it had asked Washington to recall five U.S.

citizens for spying in matters linked primarily to business ri-

valries, and for bribing French

officials to gather information

In response, the Americans

pointed to a pattern of French

business espionage even while

insisting that the uproar proba-

bly had more to do with French

electoral politics than with any

over aggressive French intelli-

gence actions taken against

"This is retaliation for a de-

American companies.

of the French action.

Underlying the current flap,

new activities of the CIA.

on trade positions.

WASHINGTON - U.S. of-

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - Pamela Harriman, the U.S. Ambassador to France, who is in the middle of a legal battle over money with the heirs of W. Averell Harriman, has put on the auction block three paintings that represent the cream of her

The New York auction house Christie's said it expects bids of up to \$20 million for the trio - a Picasso, a Renoir and a Matisse. Coincidentally, that is the amount that the 17 Harriman heirs have asked for in one of two lawsuits they have filed.

against Mrs. Harriman. All three of the paintings being offered for sale May 11 originally belonged to Mrs. Harriman's late husband, the diplomat and financies who died in 1986 at the age of 94. Mr. Harriman was a renowned collector of paintings. The Picasso was acquired in 1929 and the Renoir the following

year by Marie N. Harriman, Mr. Harriman's first wife and the mother of the children who are now suing the ambassador. His children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have accused her of squandering up to \$20 million through bad investments and of borrowing from various trusts an addi-

tional \$15 million that she was not entitled to. Asked whether Mrs. Harriman is selling assets to come up with enough money to settle the heir's lawsuits, lawyers for both sides Wednesday declined to comment. But sources have said that Mrs. Harriman is tired of being hounded about the money and distracted from her duties as ambassador and would like to settle the suits.

Christopher Burge, chairman of Christie's America, flew to Paris in early January to discuss the paintings with Mrs.

The paintings, which had been hanging in the main reception room of the ambassador's residence, are now in a vault at Christie's Park Avenue headquarters. The most valuable of them is Pablo Picasso's tender 1922

painting "Mother and Child," which the auction house estimated could fetch up to \$10 million.

The second painting, Pierre-Auguste Renoir's "Portrait of Mademoiselle Demarsy" from 1882, is estimated to be worth \$5 million to \$7 million.

The most modern composition is Henri Matisse's "The Blue Hat." Christie's expects it to fetch between \$2.5 million and \$3.5 million.

FRANCE: U.S. 'Spies' Will Stay

counterspies had caught her CIA station chief, three of his embassy colleagues, and a fifth American red-handed in the act of trying to buy economic and political secrets from high officials, and that she should see to it that all five left France as

soon as possible.

He followed up this demand with a letter on Feb. 1, and with a second summons to his office on Feb. 10.

Apparently, however, Mrs. Harriman argued that her dip-lomats had just been doing their jobs making contacts with French officials and gathering information on politics and the French position on trade issues, and that there was no reason to

send them packing.
Mr. Juppé tried to sound relaxed about the controversy during his news conference at the Foreign Ministry.

"What we have to do now is to continue to discuss this sensitive issue with our American friends," he said. "I am confident that we will soon find a Way OUL"

the alleged spies leave "was

made in the spirit of trust that exists between our two countries," he said, adding: "It was not intended to be made pub-

Philippe Vasseur, another partisan of Mr. Chirac's in the presidential race, shrugged: "In an election campaign, diversionary mancuvers are part of

the game."
Since Mr. Chirac and Mr. Balladur are both members of the same Rally for the Republic party, the battle between them to replace President François Mitterrand at the end of his second seven-year term has been particularly rough.

Bulgaria's New Coat of Arms

SOFIA — The Bulgarian cabinet, ending years of dispute, approved a new coat of arms Thursday to replace for mer Communist symbols on the national banner and state seal. "A golden lion standing against the background of a red shield is the image of the new coat of The "recommendation" that arms," Justice Minister Maden Cherveniakov said

Exiled Algerian Rebel Says 200 Died

By Youssef M. Ibrahim

PARIS - A day after troops stormed a prison to put down a mutiny by Muslim fundamentalist detainees in Algeria, a representative of the militants claimed Thursday that as many as 200 people had been killed. French officials, speaking privately, put the death toll at closer to 40.

[Algerian television said Thursday night that the official toll was 100 among both prisoners and prison personnel, Reuters reported.] Al Fath Al Mubin, a Muslim

It said that Yakhlef Cherati members of the Islamic Salva-

After his son left Salzburg

Solomon, Leopold Mozart em-

barked on a process of repudia-

tion that would escalate pain-

fully over the years. He pitted

Mozart against his beloved sis-

ter Marianne and tried to turn

Marianne's son into another

musical prodigy who might take the place of Mozart. In later years, Mozart's remarkable ac-

complishments simply seemed

to widen the gap with his envi-

When Solomon turns from

Mozart's behavior to his music,

however, he proves himself a perceptive and thoughtful ana-

lyst. For instance, in arguing that music was Mozart's prima-

ry means of "repairing an un-happy reality," he agilely shows

how many of his most charac-

teristic adagios and andantes

move from a state of ecstasy or

calm through a more troubled

state - "penetrated by hints of

storm, dissonance, anguish, anxiety, danger" — back to-ward "a restoration of the sta-

tus quo" that is "suffused with

and transformed by the memo-

Michiko Kakutani is on the

ry of the turbulent interlude."

staff of The New York Times.

when West produced the queen.

heart ace and had the last

chance to lead a club. When she led a heart, South happily

ruffed, drew trumps, and led to

spade king, returned to dummy

with a club to the ace, and made

NORTH (D)

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East took the ace, cashed the

BRIDGE

ous father

The fate of other well-known prisoners, including Abdelkader Hachani, who ran the Front at the time of his arrest in 1992, was still unknown. Algerian troops stormed the

Serkadji prison in central Algiers after prisoners captured seven guards, executed four of them and tried to use the others as hostages to arrange the es-200 Islamic hard-liners arrested for trying to bring down the government by force.

In Washington, Anwar Haddam, an exiled member of the where he heads a so-called parliamentary delegation of the Islamic opposition group, said se-curity forces had killed 200

around 200 victims, follows other massacres in similar circumstances, beginning with Berouaghia prison in November that left more than 500 dead," he said.

Algerian authorities hold an prison. They are among the esti-mated 15,000 to 30,000 mili- ing fundamentalists.

BAILOUT: Fallout Worries U.S.

Continued from Page 1

troops have been stationed in Europe and Asia for decades as the guarantors of their territorial security and as the protectors

of America's interests abroad. But in Mexico, the United States has just stationed billions of dollars of capital and an elite unit of financial police, declar-ing that otherwise hundreds of thousands of U.S. jobs might be lost and a financial panic could spread through emerging mar-

It is compelling if unpopular logic. But it has left many in Washington wondering where to draw the line: What countries are now so vital to the new U.S. economy that they cannot be allowed to fail?

Not surprisingly, the message that the administration is trying to send to the markets these days is a simple one: Don't count on it.

Mexico had other unique as-One lesson of the crisis is that

get out a short-term bond.

Finally, as Mr. Rubin has noted many times, Mexico has been the "prototype" economy, an exemplar of the way to pri-

vatize big industries, open up markets and create a burgeoning middle class eager to buy imports. If the prototype failed, he argued, it would discourage other countries like Russia or even South Korea from following the same path. was hardly unique. It was one kets around the world. of the emerging markets into which Americans had dived

Moreover, doesn't the Mexican bailout send an unwanted message to countries and those who invest in them around the world? Overborrow, overspend and fear not, because in the new international economy, everyeral Reserve, Alan Greenspan, one is so interdependent that there is always a bailout around the corner.

"Mexico was unique," Mr. the spade ace. She then led the Rubin said. The reason, of spade queen, ruffed out the course, is the porous border with the United States. The financial turmoil in Mexico City, her doubled game. She is now the White House kept remind-convinced that fires are better ing Congress, would be measured by the number of illegal aliens flowing into California and Texas. And then there are the 700,000 jobs that the administration contends are dependent on exports to Mexico.

pects. More than most other big emerging markets, it has been heavily dependent on short-term financing from abroad.

it is safer to follow the example of countries like China and Indonesia, which have depended more heavily on foreign direct investment to build roads, factories and other supports for economic growth. It takes a lot longer to move a car factory out of the country than it takes to

"Mexico," he said, "became the first casualty, if I may put it that way, of the new international financial system."

Mr. Greenspan has warned that the bailout, which he heartily supported, could create what economists call a "moral hazard." That is, investors looking at emerging markets could fac-tor in the likelihood of a bailout if everything goes bad. Mr. Greenspan urged that

any bailouts emulate the Mexican rescue by carrying such high costs and rigorous terms that investors would worry that they could pay a price as well.

"It would be very foolish if we didn't learn from this," Mr. Christopher said last week, testifying before the Senate For-eign Relations Committee. "It was fortunate that the president had available \$20 billion in a stabilization fund that he could bring to bear on this particular

But \$20 billion does not grow on trees, he noted, and "the United States probably could not handle a second crisis like

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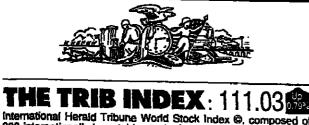
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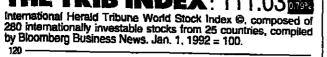
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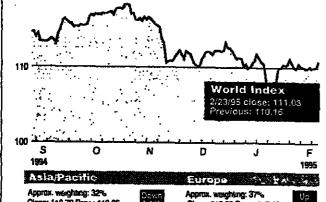
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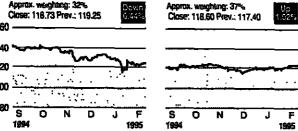
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Services	106.79	105.59	+1.14	Miscalianeous	116.59	116,11	+0.41

Thinking Ahead /Commentary

By Reginald Dale

Mexican shock, developing countries'

prospects look brighter than ever -

By 2020, according to one estimate,

nine of the world's top 15 economies will be from today's Third World. In educa-

tion and health, the gap between rich and

day's developing world will be tomor-

row's engine of economic growth," said

Susan Raymond of the New York Acad-

emy of Sciences at a recent conference

organized by the American Enterprise

So why should American taxpayers'

money go to help the Third World when

infant mortality is higher in Washington

than it is in many developing countries?

Why should Europeans help when their

own countries are wracked by devastat-

ing unemployment, and post-colonial guilt —like post-slavery guilt in America

These are not new questions. It has always been hard to make a popular case

for foreign aid. Many people believe, with good reason, that much aid tends to

be wasted, spent on arms or siphoned off

But it is harder than ever to make the

case in a global economy where workers

— is on the wane?

into Swiss bank accounts.

"One might fairly conclude that to-

poor countries continues to close.

thanks largely to private enterprise.

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TASHINGTON - Why

should First World govern-

ments still dole out aid to the

Third World? Despite the

The Well of Foreign Aid Is Drying Up

in industrial countries often see develop-ing countries as threats to their liveli-

hood rather than objects of compassion.

This month, the Organization for Eco-

nomic Cooperation and Development

reported a fall in official development

finance in 1993 to the lowest level in 20

years. The new Republican majority in

the U.S. Congress wants to prune over-

Workers in industrial

developing countries as

rather than objects of

compassion.

Pacific associates.

threats to their livelihood

seas aid, just as it wants to trim welfare payments at home. The European Union is being unusually tight-fisted in negotia-

tions with its African, Caribbean and

With Western budgets under pressure,

some senior officials are talking about

"the end of aid," at least in the sense of

official aid to development. That's going

too far. The OECD countries' develop-

ment aid still totaled \$56 billion in 1993.

But even many of those most con-

cerned for the welfare of poorer coun-

tries admit that official aid may have

done disappointingly little to raise living standards, except for those of the rich.

It is not about to disappear.

countries often see

And the results are beginning to show.

IG Metall **Targets** Firms

11,000 Workers To Strike Friday

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches FRANKFURT — The IG Metall union Thursday called 11,000 workers to go on strike Friday at 22 metal and electronics companies in Bavaria.

The strike by Germany's largest union was set to widen if there was no progress in negoti-ations on IG Metall's demand for a 6 percent wage increase, while reducing the workweek to

35 hours from 36 hours. Hans-Joachim Gottschol, the head of the Gesamtmetall employers' federation, said the Gesamtmetall board would meet next Thursday and in the mean-time would "wait and see how the strike action progresses."

The employers' group said it would make no counteroffer until negotiations resume, but no date has been set for talks.

The companies targeted for the first metalworkers strike in 11 years included three subsidiaties of MAN AG, AEG AG and Electrolux AB. The strikes will also hit several branches of Siemens AG, the union said. Twelve more companies will be added Wednesday and seven more on March 6 if there is no progress, the union said.

The targets chosen, however, were small companies that were not suppliers to other compa-nies. That tactic was is necessary because German law allows employers to lock out workers in other parts of the country if supplies are affected by a strike in Bavaria.

The union said it had received 88 percent support among its 165,000 members in Bavaria for the strike. The government says Germa-

ny cannot handle a national strike as it emerges from reces-

Powerful Mark Threatens EU's Single Currency

By Erik Ipsen emattonal Herald Tribun

LONDON - Europe's dream of a single currency by 1999 is being dealt a heavy blow by the relentless rise of the

While politicians and planners draft plans to bring their currencies and economies together, many analysts say the widening gap between the German currency and those of other members of the European Union suggests the gap between their policies and economic performance is widening

Under the old exchange-rate grid of the European Monetary System, said Malcolm Barr, a currency economist at Chemical Bank in London, convergence was effectively mandated. Then, it was safely assumed that Germany would set the prudent economic course and that all others would more or less have to follow to keep their currencies within their tight

But that system began to disintegrate in 1992 and collapsed entirely in 1993.

entirely in 1993.

"The spread between the strongest and weakest currencies in Europe is now I1.5 percent," said Chris Turner, director of currency strategy at Barclays de Zoete Wedd. He predicted that even the present 15 percent bands — once widely assumed to be so wide as to be effectively nonexistent — could be tested in coming months.

The mark's relentless march higher is throwing more and more doubt on prospects for monetary union. The dollar fell to 1.4705 DM in New York on Thursday from 1.4705 DM.

The strength of the mark kept the dollar pinned down.

The strength of the mark kept the dollar pinned down against other currencies as well. The dollar fell to 96.77 yen

from 97.05 yea and to 5.1265 French francs from 5.1387 See MARK, Page 11

Italy's Interim Budget **Aims to Calm Markets**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches increases and spending cuts Thursday to try to curb the growth of government debt and help calm financial markets.

The executive decree by the cabinet of Prime Minister Lamberto Dini makes the supplemental budget, which seeks to trim 20 trillion lire (\$12 billion) from the 1995 budget deficit, effective immediately.

"We must give a strong signal in a tense situation while faced with a wavering lira," Mr. Dini said. "That is why the budget exceeds requirements."

The lira, which fell to record

lows against the Deutsche mark this week, stabilized after the budget was released. The mark finished European trading at 1,098.50 lira, down from 1,101.25 lira Wednesday.

But the supplemental budget faces a protracted debate in Parliament, which has 60 days to approve or reject it. Should the budget be voted down, the new taxation and spending targets would be suspended.

It remains unclear whether Italy's fractious political parties can agree on what are bound to be unpopular measures. Mr. Dini's predecessor, Silvio Berlusconi, has threatened to block the package and call for new

Chemicals Lift Profit at Shell

the three previous years.

pressed by the big numbers.

cal division, which had losses in

Some analysts were not im-

They said asset sales and a

much lower tax rate had bright-

ened an otherwise lackluster

fourth quarter, which saw lower

oil and natural gas profit and

"These figures were even

worse than I expected," said

Nick Antill, an analyst at Bar-

clays de Zoete Wedd. "It would

appear that Shell has not done

as well in the quarter as other

In Amsterdam, Royal Dutch

shares fell 50 cents to 190.10

guilders (\$127). Stock in Shell

Transport dropped 5 pence in

Royal Dutch will pay a 1994

dividend of 8.85 guilders a share, up from 8.60 guilders,

while Shell will pay 27.1 pence a

companies in the sector."

London, to 718.

ful swing to profit at its chemi- for the quarter fell to 11 percent £9.7 billion.

weak refining margins.

yields on 10-year government bonds fell to 12.527 percent from 12.610 percent.

"The markets' reaction was limited not so much because they fear it won't go through," said Francesco Giordano, an analyst at San Paolo Bank International. "It seems likely that once the minibudget is passed, the right will step up

demands for new elections." The budget calls for 15 trillion lire in new taxes and 5 trillion lire in spending cuts. That would make the 1995 deficit 138.6 trillion lire, compared with almost 160 trillion lire without the measures. The budget would trim a further 23 tril-lion lire from the deficit in 1996.

Mr. Dini said the spending cuts would produce lasting cuts in the deficit and were not one-

The budget calls for cutting funding to local governments by 3 percent and cutting spending by the national government on goods and services by 6 percent. The national cutbacks will not affect spending on defense

and police. Mr. Dini said the new taxes were mostly indirect taxes rather than direct ones. Direct taxes are levies on the income and

The benchmark Mibtel stock wealth of people and compa-MILAN - Italy enacted tax index dropped 0.68 percent on nies, while indirect taxes are on Thursday, to 10,063, while the goods and services those people and companies buy.

The major rise in direct taxes would be a one-point increase in the corporate income tax rate, to 53 percent.

Personal income tax rates would not be raised, Mr. Dini said, nor would taxes on food, drink and tobacco.

But the value-added tax on many other items would be raised, by an average of one percentage point, he said.

Mr. Dini appealed to political leaders not to block the measures, calling them "the minimum necessary" to solve the debt problem, which he said was the "hurdle that must be overcome if Italy is to have a sustainable recovery.

Italy's economy is among the fastest-growing in Europe, with booming exports and industrial production. But international organizations such as the International Monetary Fund have warned that its large govern-ment debt and high interest rates are unsustainable.

Italy's government for two ears has taken in more in taxes than it spends on its programs, but the interest payments on its debt still push the budget into deficit. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

EU Favors Cultural Aid Over TV Quotas

By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS - The European Commission is expected to propose next month a phasing out of quotas on television programs, but it will suggest increased financial aid for film and TV program makers, commission officials said Thursday.

The compromise reflects the distaste in most EU member states for cnotas, along with the view that positive measures are

On the contrary, aid has often helped to

entrench dictatorships and has a poor

record in promoting democracy, free

War, the strategic priorities underlying aid policies have shifted. Europe is more

concerned with its neighbors in the Med-

iterranean and Central Europe than with

its far-flung former colonies. The United

States feels less need to prop up unsa-

vory Third World clients to stop them

Now, says J. Brian Atwood, adminis-

trator of the U.S. Agency for Internation-

al Development, the strategic aim of

American aid is to prevent "the break-

down of international order and the fail-

nre of nations." The second main purpose

All this is leading donor governments

to set much tighter conditions on their

largesse and to be much harder-nosed

will take account of "persistent repres-

sion, unabating poverty, unsustainable

rates of population growth and environ-mental damage."

pay much more attention to European

priorities, such as health, education and

training, in spending the money. Inevita-

bly, the EU's associates are complaining

that the EU is trying to dictate aid policy.

They are wrong to make a fuss. If

conditions are not noticeably tightened,

political support for continued aid may dry up altogether.

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The EU is insisting that aid recipients

Thus, Mr. Atwood says, Washington

about their own interests.

is to create markets for U.S. exports.

from falling into the enemy camp.

Anyway, with the end of the Cold

markets and economic growth.

of EU box office revenue and account for ised to propose by mid-March. as much as 60 percent of TV broadcasts, according to commission figures.

The current EU broadcast directive calls for TV stations to broadcast a minimum of 51 percent European programs "where practicable," a loophole that makes the law unenforceable. France's attempt to eliminate that loophole and tighten quotas in other ways was rejected by its EU partners at a meeting in Bordeaux last week.

The commission president, Jacques needed to help industry cope with Ameri- Santer, met with a group of leading filmcan imports, officials said. Hollywood makers Wednesday to discuss a revised (AP, Reuters, Bloomberg) films currently take as much as 80 percent directive that the commission has prom-

According to a spokesman, Mr. Santer said the proposal would be in line with existing law, effectively ruling out any

tightening of sanctions. Mr. Santer indicated interest in a 10year phasing out of quotas, the spokesman

The shift away from quotas and toward incentives has been welcomed by American industry, but an official at one U.S. entertainment company said he wanted to make certain that U.S. studios would be able to participate in any new film fund-

Antill said.

from about 50 percent the pre-

vious year, giving it a £470 mil-

lion boost to net income, Mr.

in the quarter of £502 million,

mostly from asset sales such as

property in Hong Kong; that

compares with a net charge of

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

£94 million a year earlier.

■ British Gas Disappoints

Shares in British Gas PLC

fell 5 pence to 298 after the

company reported its 1994 results, AFX News reported. An-

alysts said the market was dis-

appointed that the company

had left its dividend unchanged

company earned £737 million in 1994, reversing a loss of £180

million a year earlier. Current-

cost net income was £410 mil-

lion, after a loss of £534 million

On a historic-cost basis, the

at 14.5 pence a share.

Royal Dutch/Shell's tax rate in 1993. Sales fell 7 percent to

The group also had a net gain

AT&T Says It Won't Bid For Bull

PARIS — Chiding France for its closed communications market, AT&T Corp. and Quadral, a French maker of computer-based signaling equip-ment, said Thursday they had broken off talks with the French government over plans to take a stake in Groupe Bull, France's state-controlled computer

company.
AT&T and Quadral said they had made the decision sibility that France would open its telecommunications industry to free competition before 1998."

The announcement came ahead of a Group of Seven meeting this weekend at which the industrialized countries are to discuss the emerging information su-

perhighway.

AT&T previously said its interest in Bull hinged on its ability to obtain a license to operate in the tele-communications services

market in France. The U.S. company had also hinted that a deal with the French on Bull might not work out. But Ouadral said this mouth that it would submit a joint offer

with AT&T. The French government in December said it was soliciting bids from companies

or groups interested in taking stakes of at least 10 percent in the computer company. The sale of stakes in Buil is part of France's pri-Separately, one day before the first bids were due

for a 27 percent stake in the Czech phone company SPT Telecom, AT&T said it would take a diminished role in the bidding. AT&T said it would par-

ticipate as a "partner" with Swiss Telecom and Koninklijke Royal PTT Nederland, the Dutch telephone company known as KPN. But AT&T said it would have no equity in the joint venture, called TelSource, which is 51 percent owned by KPN and 49 percent owned by Swiss Telecom.

Trafalgar Raises Bid for Northern

share, up from 24 pence.

LONDON - Trafalgar falgar stock, was less than many House PLC on Thursday raised analysts expected. its cash bid for Northern Electric PLC to a total of £1.23 to 1,053 because the Trafalgar

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LONDON — Royal Dutch-/Shell Group, the world's larg-

est publicly traded oil compa-

ny, got help from low taxes and

a rebound in its chemical busi-

ness to post its best yearly profit

ever Thursday.
On a historic-cost basis,

which includes gains or losses made on the market value of oil

and gas holdings, the British-Dutch company's 1994 profit

rose 36 percent, to a record £4.07 billion (\$6.5 billion). For

the fourth quarter, historic-cost

profit jumped to £1.65 billion

The company said its 1994

current-cost profit, which val-

ues inventories at current mar-

ket prices, rose 24 percent, to

just under £4 billion. For the

fourth quarter, current-cost

profit increased to £1.62 billion

Royal Dutch/Shell said the

results were helped by a power-

from £671 million.

from £776 million.

billion (\$2 billion).

Trafalgar, a manufacturing and property company, offered Northern investors 1,100 pence a share, up from 1,048 pence.

While Northern said the new bid was "woefully inadequate," several analysts said it might be

"It's a little on the lean side, but it probably means Northern also reiterated its pledge to pass isn't going to survive," said Ni- along to stockholders the value gel Hawkins, a utility analyst at of its 6.5 percent stake in Na-Hoare Govett Ltd. The new bid, which offers off this year.

Northern shares (ell 75 pence

cash or a mix of cash and Tra-

offer cooled speculation about rival bids. Trafalgar shares fell 1 to 64.5 pence. Last week, Northern offered

to pay special dividends to give investors an incentive to hang on to their shares. Like other cash-rich British utilities, analysts said, Northern could afford this generosity. The utility Charterhouse Tilney Securities. tional Grid Co. when it is spun

Trafalgar is betting Northern investors would rather take cash now than hold onto shares of a utility that plans to take on debt to pay the dividends and that faces a possible profit squeeze from tougher regulation. Investors have until March

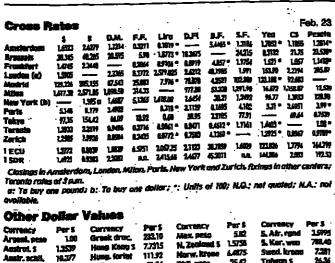
10 to make up their minds. "Some people will see this as a disappointment, but I'd personally take the bid at this point and, frankly, I think Trafalgar will get it," said Chris Perry of

Adam Forsyth of NatWest Securities said "we were expecting more," but he added that he thought the new bid would sucvatization program.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

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Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches NEW YORK — Elaine M. Garzarelli, the former Lehman Brothers analyst famous for predicting the 1987 market plunge, will start her own money-management firm from her Florida home, people famil-

iar with her plans said Thursday. In addition to managing funds, her new firm, Garzarelli Capital Management, will distribute research through a joint venture with Chicago-based Zacks Investment Research, said Leonard Zacks, the firm's president

Ms. Garzarelli's firm will be based and staffed in New York, but she will work mostly from her home in Boca Raton, Florida, she said.

and do my analysis outside, while the sun sets," Ms. Garzarelli, 47, said.

average lost 22.6 percent in a single day. In recent years, she has been bullish on the sets," Ms. Garzarelli, 47, said. Ms. Garzarelli and Zacks plan to pro-

Garzarelli, in Sun Belt, to Start Wall Street Firm

duce research on the stock market and industry groups for institutional investors.

The reports "will be a continuation of the sector-analysis service she's been produc-ing for over 15 years," Mr. Zacks said. "We're going to be working with her to produce it and marketing it with her.'

She has also agreed to co-manage a U.S. stock mutual fund with Mario Gabelli that will be marketed through Mr. Gabelli's firm in New York. He will pick stocks, and she will provide market strategy.

Ms. Garzarelli won Wall Street's attenorida, she said.

"I love it down there. I go in my golf cart plunge, in which the Dow Jones industrial

stock market.

Lehman fired Ms. Garzarelli in October, saying she and the operation she led, called Sector Analysis, was too expensive. She had spent 10 years at Lehman, analyzing the stock market through indicators such as earnings and interest rates and investor

"She's got an established reputation in market timing," Mr. Zacks said,
Ms. Garzarelli's previous stint as a mon-

ey manager was less successful. The Sector Analysis Portfolio she managed trailed the Standard & Poor's 500 Index in performance, and the fund was closed in August. (Bloomberg, AP-DJ)

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NEW YORK -- The Dow Jones industrial average surged above 4,000 points Thursday for the first time, propelled by a belief that interest rates will not

U.S. Stocks rise much this year and corpo-rate earnings will keep growing.

More than a year after it first came within 15 points of the 4,000 barrier, the 30-stock average went more than 20 points above it at one time and held on to finish at 4,003.33, up 30.28

"It'll prove to be a milestone along the way to 6,000 by the year 2000," said Graham Tanaka, president of Tanaka Capital Management in New York. The Standard & Poor's 500

Index also closed at a new high, rising 1.83 points to 486.90. Earnings are high and will probably stay high with most companies," said Robert Stovall, president of Sto-

vall/Twenty-First Advisers.

about reducing rates."
Stocks of banks and securities companies were among the

biggest gainers, helped by optimism that interest rates will not rise and squeeze profit margins. Teléfonos de México's American depositary receipts were the most actively traded issue on the New York Stock Exchange, slipping % to 28% as

more than 5 percent. Tobacco stocks rose after a mistrial was declared in Indiana in a lawsuit brought by a lungcancer victim. RJR Nabisco rose 1/4 to 5%, and Philip Morris

rose 11/2 to 591/4. Compaq Computer fell 2 to 34% after the company was dropped from a Morgan Stanley strategist's buy list.

Merck rose % to 42% after the drugmaker said early research indicated its MK-639 experimental AIDS drug was more effective than AZT.

MARK: Threat to Single Currency

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francs, though it edged up to 1.2492 Swiss francs from 1.2473 francs. The pound rose to

\$1.5950 from \$1.5890. "I think monetary union is unworkable," said Neil Mac-Kinnon, chief currency strategist for Citibank in London. "I

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currency apart from the Deut-sche mark."

Eric Bertier, managing director of PaineWebber International in Paris. "It has almost disappeared as a currency."

Faced with high deficits and plagued by political scandals, ported goods, particularly of Spain faces problems similar to those of Italy, which left the by a strong mark. currency grid in 1992. In spite of rises in interest rates by the rency based on the notion that Bank of Spain, its currency has inflation, government deficits ranked among the chief losers and economic performance of

turmoil within Europe is the currency so clearly outperformgrowing suspicion that the ing its European peers sends Bundesbank will raise interest troubling signals. rates, perhaps in the first half of European central banks to fol- lection criteria on which counlow suit to defend their curren- tries can live with a single

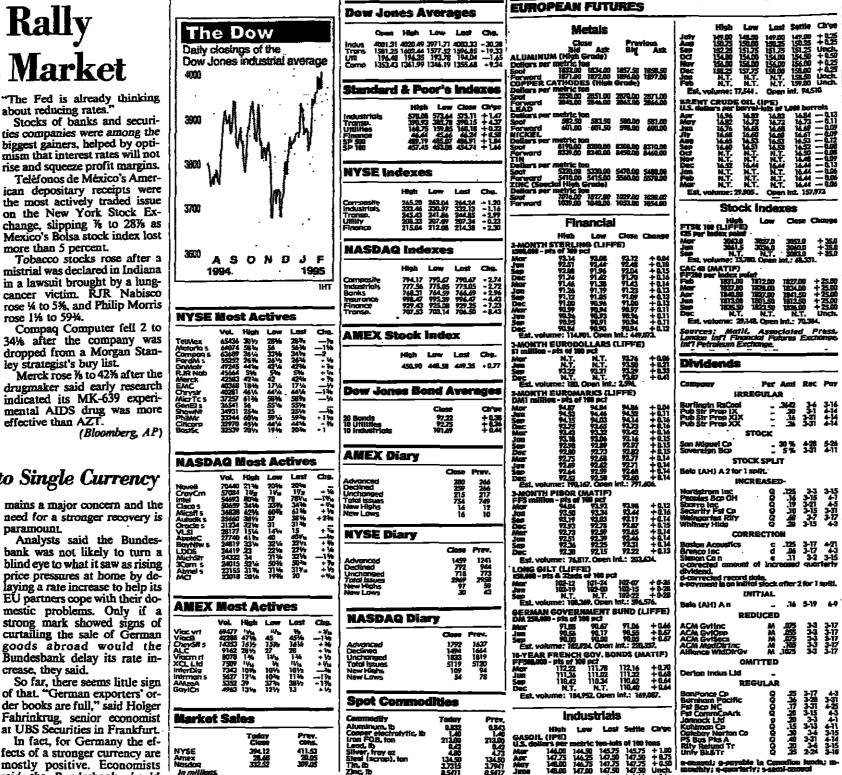
mains a major concern and the need for a stronger recovery is

Analysts said the Bundesbank was not likely to turn a blind eye to what it saw as rising price pressures at home by delaying a rate increase to help its EU partners cope with their domestic problems. Only if a strong mark showed signs of curtailing the sale of German goods abroad would the don't think there will be a single Bundesbank delay its rate increase, they said.

So far, there seems little sign For some EU members, such of that. "German exporters' oras Italy, the outlook is grim in- der books are full," said Holger ed. Fahrinkrug, senior economist at UBS Securities in Frankfurt. In fact, for Germany the effects of a stronger currency are mostly positive. Economists said the Bundesbank should welcome the lower cost of imraw materials, brought about

With a single European curin the recent run by the mark. several countries would con-What threatens even greater verge, the reality of Germany's

"In effect, the currency marthis year. That could force other kets are imposing their own secies when unemployment re- currency," Mr. Barr said.



Qualcomm Shares Rise on Deal With Bell Firms

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SAN DIEGO — Qualcomm Inc. shares rose 8.7 percent Thursday after two regional Bell operating companies said they would install technology that Qualcomm had patents on and that it developed. Qualcomm shares closed up \$2.25, at

Bell Atlantic Corp. and Nynex Corp. said their cellular phone units would use code division multiple access, or CDMA, technology throughout their U.S. wireless

CDMA is a digital wireless technology that increases the capacity of a cellular network. Qualcomm has patents on CDMA.

CDMA is competing with other digital technologies to become the technology of choice as U.S. cellular service providers spend billions of dollars upgrading their

networks. "Nynex has said previously that we would use CDMA, but the two companies haven't said this jointly before," a Nynex spokesman said.

"If there was any question in anybody's mind that the alliance would use CDMA, it has been put to rest today."

Bell Atlantic and Nynex said they would begin installing CDMA in their cellular

networks by the end of the year. The spokesman said Nynex and Bell Atlantic had not decided from whom they would buy equipment. But he said the companies planned to conduct trials with manufacturers including AT&T Corp. and

Motorola Inc.

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NEW YORK (AP) - Peter A. Lund, executive vice president of CBS Broadcast Group and president of CBS Television Net-work, will succeed Howard Stringer as president of CBS Broadcast Group, effective next Wednesday, the company said Thurs-

day.

Mr. Stringer, who has been president since 1988, resigned

Mr. Stringer, who has been president since 1988, resigned by Thursday to head a new media and technology venture formed by

Bell Atlantic Corp., Nynex Corp. and Pacific Telesis Group will offer home entertainment, information and interactive services to viewers over those companies' video dial-tone networks.

American Maize Picks Eridania Bid

STAMFORD, Connecticut (AP) - American Maize-Products Co. agreed to be acquired by Eridania Béghin-Say SA, a French agricultural and industrial firm, for about \$408 million. But American Maize's chairman, William Ziegler, and GIH Corp., a major shareholder in the company, filed a lawsuit in state

court in Maine to block the deal. Under terms of the deal, announced late Wednesday, Eridania said it would pay \$40 a share in a tender offer for all shares

outstanding of American Maize. The agreement came several hours after American Maize said it had received a \$500 million cash offer from an unnamed party for its corn starch and sweetener business, which makes up about 70 percent of its revenue. American Maize also makes Optimo cigars and other tobacco products.

Businesses Plan to Raise Investment

WASHINGTON (AP) - American businesses plan to increase investments in plants and equipment by 6.6 percent this year, the fourth straight increase, the government said Thursday in its first look at capital spending plans for 1995.

The Commerce Department reported that about 21,000 businesses surveyed had said they would spend about \$592.9 billion

this year, up from an estimated \$556.3 billion in 1994.
It would be the fourth consecutive increase in capital spending after a decline in 1991, when the last recession was ending. Capital spending totaled \$489.1 billion in 1993.

U.S. Investors Keep Money Home

NEW YORK (AFX) - Net purchases of foreign securities by U.S. investors totaled \$5.1 billion in the third quarter of 1994, the lowest level in four years, the Securities Industry Association

reported Thursday.

Purchases of European shares topped the list in the latest quarter, with net acquisitions of nearly \$6.3 billion, including \$4.3 billion of shares in European Union countries. U.S. investors bought \$2.3 billion in Asian shares. Net purchases in Asia and Europe were offset by \$6.8 billion in net sales of Latin American and Caribbean shares, the association said.

Foreign investors more than doubled their net purchases of U.S. securities in the third quarter, to \$43.5 billion from \$16 billion in the previous quarter. Almost all purchases were of fixedincome securities such as bonds.

AIG Profit Rises 13% in 4th Quarter

NEW YORK (AP) - American International Group Inc. reported Thursday a 13 percent increase in fourth-quarter profit, citing higher income from insurance premiums, a rebound in

financial services and strength in overseas businesses. The company earned \$577.7 million in the three months, compared with \$510.2 million a year earlier. Revenue rose 10 percent, to \$5.9 billion.

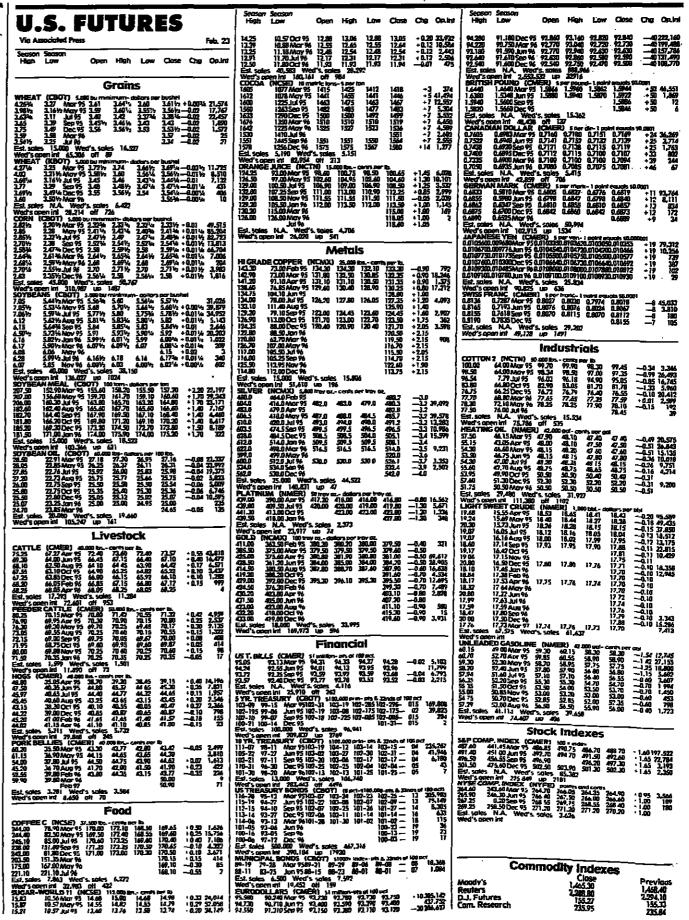
Penney's 4th-Quarter Earnings Fall

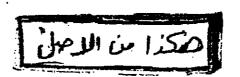
PLANO, Texas (Bloomberg) — J.C. Penney Co. said its fourthquarter earnings fell 2.5 percent as its sales gain was more than offset by higher operating and credit costs.

The retailer's net income in the quarter ended Jan. 28 fell to \$428 million, or \$1.78 a share, from year-earlier profit of \$439 million. In the year-earlier period, a \$2 million charge for the cost of retiring debt early made net income \$437 million, or \$1.79 a

Penney, the United States' fourth-largest retailer, reported a 5 - percent increase in retail sales to \$6.63 billion from \$6.32 billion.

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ICI Earnings Jump As Recovery Lifts **Chemical Demand**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dupatches

LONDON - Imperial Chemical Industries PLC said Thursday its pretax profit more than doubled last year as growing economies in Europe and the United States increased de-

mand for industrial chemicals. The company earned £514 million (\$817 million) last year before taxes and not including a one-time after-tax charge of £82

New Drugs Help Net at **Smithkline**

LONDON - Britain's second-largest drug maker, SmithKline Beecham PLC, said Thursday that its 1994 pretax profit rose 9 percent, to £1.27 billion (\$2 billion), fueled by growth in newer drug products that offset declines in Tagamet, an ul-

cer drug.
The higher-than-expected profit came before a one-time restructuring charge of £580 million. The charge, announced previously, was taken to help integrate the operations of Sterling Winthrop Inc., one of two major acquisitions in the United States.

For the fourth quarter, SmithKline posted profit before tax and charges of £342 million, up 4.2 percent

from a year earlier. SmithKline in 1994 bought two major businesses for a total of nearly \$5.3 billion and sold two others. The moves turned it from a largely pharmaceuticalsbased concern into a leading drugs, consumer healthcare products and drugdistribution conglomerate.

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"You should not expect in 1995 or 1996 any major mergers-and-acquisitions activity from us," said Jan Leschly, SmithKline's chief executive officer.

million, which was largely for restructuring. That compares with £280 million carned in

Sales rose to £9,19 billion from £8.43 billion.

But shares of Britain's largest chemical company fell amid disappointment it did not raise its dividend above the 27.5 pence a share it paid last year. The shares ended at 716 pence, down 7.

ICI forecast higher earnings for 1995, saying that "prospects for the current year are encouraging, with growth continuing in all major economies, and in-

But the company also said the strong growth in the last half-year in the United States and Britain "may be slowing slightly." The company also warned that raw material prices were rising and "businesses close to the consumer experienced price resistance" in the past few months.

Despite the potential for slowing economies, analysts said they had little doubt that Imperial would be able to increase profit this year.

"It's within expectations, and we have no worries about 1995," said Philip Morrish, an analyst at Smith New Court Securities. Of Imperial's four major divisions, industrial chemicals performed strongest, with oper-

ating profit rising 157 percent, to £162 million, amid higher sales and rising prices. The paints division saw operating profit rise 21 percent, to

£122 million. Ronald Hampel, deputy chairman and chief executive of Imperial, said "selective acquisitions" might be part of its fu-

ture strategy. Mr. Hampel said Imperial Auto Sales Bring SKF Its First Profit Since 1990 pand its core businesses. "We have focused our portfolio in 12 business areas," he said. "Our problem is going to be the right

allocation at the right time." As part of the move to increase profitability of core assets, Imperial said it would continue to restructure its

osives business. ing a loss of 669 million kronor in 1993. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX) Sales rose to 33.2 billion kronor from 29.2 explosives business.

Poland Shines for Banks

Economic growth is ex-

pected to average 5 percent in 1995. That would be a sharp

turnaround from 1990, when

the Polish economy contract-

ed 8 percent because of the

country's conversion from a

Soviet-style command econo-

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Jacques-Henri Wahl,

my to a demand-driven mar-

ketplace. Inflation has fallen

to 30 percent from 600 per-

"International investors

won't be able to ignore the

positive development in Po-

land for long," said Bernhard Walter, the Dresdner Bank

management board member

responsible for the bank's

Many foreign investors are already here, including Coca-

Cola Co., Fiat SpA and Hew-

to come, along with a move to

large-scale privatizations, Mr. Walter said.

advise our own clients to in-

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The bank hopes to break

BNP and Dresdner Bank

each contributed about \$5

million toward the venture,

dividend in 1993.

billion kronor. Both figures were in line with forecasts SKF made last month.

dend of 4.25 kronor in 1994; it paid no

The company said it would pay a divi-

SKF also said its chief executive officer,

Mauritz Sahlin, would step down at the company's annual meeting in April. Mr. Sahlin, 60, will be succeeded by Peter Au-

selves," Mr. Walter said.

even in two to three years.

But "the big boom" has yet

"If we were not going to

Eastern Europe operations.

has been made in

By Brandon Mitchener International Herald Tribune

WARSAW - A year after rescheduling its foreign debt, Poland is living up to its potential as the largest, most dynamic market in Central Europe, Western bankers say.

Despite sluggish privatizations, political turmoil and high inflation, "there are very few places where so much progress has been made in so little time," said Jacques-Henri Wahl, chairman of Banque Nationale de Paris-Dresdner Bank Polska SA.

Mr. Wahl said Poland's decision to award foreign banks full operating licenses was "a step that encourages the development of the Polish banking system" and a catalyst for foreign investment. BNP-Dresdner Polska,

along with Citibank, Creditanstalt-Bankverein of Austria and Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale of Germany, are the first to receive such licenses.

The opening of the banks coincides with a surge in interest among foreign investors that had been awaiting progress on the country's foreign debt, economic and financial market reforms and privatizations

"The lack of a debt restructuring was the major obstacle to a greater involvement in Poland," said Ernst-Mortiz Lipp, a Dresdner Bank executive who orchestrated the rescheduling of \$13 billion that Poland owed foreign credi-tors in 1994.

But the pickup in interest in Poland is also tied to the country's recent economic performance, which economists said was beginning to rebound.

STOCKHOLM - SKF AB, the Swed-

ish ball-bearing company, posted its first

profit in four years Thursday as an up-swing in global automobile sales bolstered

SKF reported pretax profit for 1994 of 1.82 billion kronor (\$248 million), revers-

demand for its products.

rope. They are set to open another full-service bank together in Moscow and Bulgaria. They already have joint offices in Budapest, Prague and St. Petersburg.

Until now, foreign banks in Poland have largely offered consulting services because representative offices are forbidden from conducting any real business. In reality, such business was handled through the banks' London, Paris or Frankfurt offices.

Now, "the telephone never stops ringing," said Rolf Michel, a director at the BNP-Dresdner joint venture. "There's a lot of demand because we don't have many competitors yet." he said.

Most of the callers are Polish companies and joint ventures between foreign and Polish companies.

But Klaus Meissner, the bank executive responsible for corporate finance, said the venture's commercial viability also had made it attractive to foreign companies that were banking with the competition.

"There are several American companies that have come to us because of connections to BNP in New York," he said, adding that some of them had left Citibank, the only American bank with a full banking license in Poland, to switch to BNP-Dresdner.

Because it is the only big German bank to receive a full license, the venture is also besieged by small to mediumsized German companies interested in investing in Polish distribution or production ventures. Deutsche Bank AG, Dresdner's biggest rival in Germany, has applied for a license but has yet to receive it.

Telegraph Will Leave London Exchange

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches LONDON - Telegraph PLC said Thursday it would soon leave the London Stock Exchange, ending three years as a public company, as it announced lower 1994 results caused by a newspaper price war in Britain.

Hollinger Inc., the company that owns 58.53 percent of Telegraph and is controlled by the Canadian executive Conrad Black, said it would buy the shares through its American Publishing Co. subsidiary. It did not say when or at what price.

News of Mr. Black's intentions lifted Telegraph's shares 54 pence, to 434, despite its drop in profit. The Telegraph reported annual pretax profit of £45 million (\$72 million).

The company's revenue fell to £252.1 million from £255.7 million, while revenue from sales of the Daily Telegraph, Sunday Telegraph and Spectator fell 21 percent, to £90 million.

The Daily Telegraph reduced its cover price to 30 pence from 48 pence in June 1994, and its competitor, The Times, cut its price in stages to 20 pence from 45 pence.

The drop in revenue from newspaper sales was partly offset by a 13 percent rise in advertising revenue, to £153 million.

Stephen Grabiner, managing director of Telegraph, said Mr. Black's buyback would not affect the running of the company. "From an operating perspective, Hollinger has made it clear this is a restructuring and there will be no impact on the operation of The Telegraph,"

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP)

of its European division last year.

generation to take over.'

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"Personally, I have no misgivings about

Sahlin," said Bjoern Germer, chief equity analyst at Matteus Fondkommission in

Stockholm. "But a lot of traders have been

thinking for a while that it's time for a new

SKF shares closed at 135 kronor in

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The European Union will not withdraw its candidate, Renato Ruggiero, a former trade minister of Italy, to head the World Trade Organization, despite calls for him to step down.

• Boots Co. is in talks with Daewoo Corp. on a partnership to provide service for South Korean cars when they are sold in Britain, starting in April.

· Switzerland's adjusted current-account surplus in the fourth quarter narrowed to 6.5 billion Swiss francs (\$5 billion) from 6.7 billion francs a year earlier.

Henkel KGaA posted a profit of 460 million Deutsche marks (\$312 million) in 1994, up 20 percent from the previous year.

Lauda Air Luftfahrt AG's 1994 profit rose 73 percent, to 59.3 million Austrian schillings (\$6 million) as passenger traffic rose. Fokker NV workers at the Ypenburg plant in the Netherlands, which employs about 600, are planning a strike, reports said. The plane maker, owned by Daimler-Benz Aerospace AG, is due to announce reorganization plans Monday.

• East German new business registrations in 1994 fell more than 10 percent from 1993, to 170,782.

Canal Plus SA and Bertelsmann AG together lost 40 million French francs in 1994 on their stakes in the German TV channel Vox, the chairman of Canal Plus, Pierre Lescure, said.

• Royal Insurance Holdings PLC announced a 166 percent jump in 1994 earnings, to £401 million (\$638 million), helped by "outgustsson, 40, who joined SKF as the head standing performance" from the British general insurance business, the company said.

> • Argentaria Corp. Bancaria de España expects to sell its 85 percent stake in Banco Simeon SA to Caixa Geral de Depositos of

> • Hagemeyer NV's profit rose 35 percent last year to 217.6 million guilders (\$145 million), buoyed by extraordinary gains. The Dutch trading company also said it planned to split its shares 2-Bloomberg, Reuters, Knight-Ridder, AFX, AFP

late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press **经过程设备** 3% a

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Baltica's Losses on Bonds Put Insurer in Deficit for 1994

Forsikring AS, Denmark's larg-est insurer, reported a net loss Thursday of 199 million kroner

(\$34 million) for 1994, reversing a 25 million kroner profit a year The company, which usually reports its earnings later in the

year, released a preliminary report because Den Danske Bank Denmark's largest bank and Baltica's parent company, had released its 1994 results. Baltica's bond investments

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COPENHAGEN — Baltica year, in 1993, it recorded a 177 million kroner profit on the portfolio.

Den Danske Bank bought a controlling stake in the insurer late last year and has said it will sell Baltica by the end of August. Den Danske will take over

Baltica's general insurance business, before selling the rest. Den Danske Bank reported a drop in 1994 net profit as lower

Danica AS, Baltica's life-insurance unit, as well as part of

loan losses failed to compensate

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches cost it 273 million kroner last for a sharp decline in trading bank's securities and foreign

Shares in Den Danske rose 20 kroner to 331 kroner. Bad-debt losses and provisions fell to 1.9 billion kroner from 2.8 billion kroner, but the

exchange units posted a combined loss of 224 million kroner. In 1993, those units had a profit of 3.8 billion kroner.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

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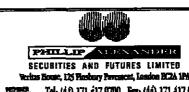


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amounts of capital out of equity

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the move had the opposite ef-

"With no immediate pros-

fect, sending traders into a fren-

pect of new bonds on the mar-

sued," said Zhang Zhongming, a bond trader at Shanghai Guo-

The China Securities daily

said Beijing was taking a series

of measures to tighten state

control over bond markets.

Among them was a plan for a

national clearinghouse for trea-

sury-bill trading, which now is

scattered in exchanges and

trading floors around the coun-

try. Shanghai has by far the

order to the secondary market,

"This will surely help bring

Meanwhile, prices in China

rose 24.1 percent in January from January 1994, but that

was slightly lower than the De-

cember figure, the Xinhua news

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SHANGHAI — Trading on Shanghai's bond market broke to defend the interest of comrecords Thursday despite mon investors," he said. moves by Beijing to cool the

Total par-value turnover on the Shanghai Stock Exchange was 494.1 billion yuan (\$59 billion), almost four times the previous high of 128.9 billion yuan set Tuesday. Actual turnover figures were not to be released until Friday.

Nearly all of the turnover Thursday was in a single vehicle - the contract on three-year treasury bills dated June 1992. Some analysts said that reflected the fact the Shanghai bond market was dominated by spec-

Speculators have been betting on inflation-beating subsi-dies, known as "kickers," which are added to bond coupons and paid on maturity. The "kicker" is adjusted by Beijing every month. The latest subsidy announced for March for treasury bills with maturities of three years and over was 11.87 percent. The coupon for June 1992 bonds is 9.5 percent.

After the market closed, however, the exchange announced that "rule violations" had occurred in trading on that contract. It said it was "studying how to deal with the matter."

Trading was ignited by retered large increases. ports in the official media suggesting that the bulk of this in the consumer price index was year's 150 billion yuan in trea-1.4 percentage points lower sury-bill issues would not be than in December was hailed as listed and traded.

A Ministry of Finance official confirmed that 101 billion yuan of this year's paper, to be issued beginning Wednesday,

Tokyo Stocks: At Bottom? income before the financial

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the quake also showed Japan

to be a much riskier market

than it had been thought to

be, and some analysts said it

also showed Japan's govern-

ment to be weak and ineffec-

Beyond the quake, the yen's continued strength

against the dollar threatens to

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able loans is drawing atten-

tion to the mountains of bad

debt held by Japan's banks

and other financial institu-

Japan, is cooling a bit.

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

TOKYO - These are bleak days for the Tokyo stock market. Following a big fall after last month's earthquake in Kobe, the Nikkei average of 225 stocks has been hovering at a low level, and there are widespread fears it could fall further in the coming weeks. "Right now, sentiment is at

its very worst," said Jeff Bahrenburg, a strategist in the Tokyo office of Merrill Lynch & Co. "Bearishness is at its extreme." On Thursday, the Nikkei slumped 1.5 percent to 17,830.02; it has fallen 10 percent so far this year. Needless to say, when things look worst, some analysts, like Mr. Bahrenburg, think it is time to buy. The market, these analysts say, seems to be ignoring the fact that Japan's economy is recovering from a three-year recession and that corporate earnings are improving. Even

rise.
"In the long run you can't stop the fundamentals," said Tom Hill, head of research for S.G. Warburg Securities (Japan) Ltd. He says he thinks the Nikkei average will climb to 24,000 by March 1996. "I don't know what will happen in the next three or four weeks," he said. "What I do know is the market is un-

if the market drops sharply in

the next few weeks, they say,

it should quickly recover and

There are good reasons for the gloom in the market right now. Foreign investors, who buoyed stocks last year, have turned into net sellers. Selling pressure will increase in the next few weeks as Japanese companies cash in some of their holdings to bolster their

dervalued."

"The market depends not so much on short and medium-term earnings power," said Alexander Kinmont, a The earthquake's effects could set back the nascent economic recovery, although many economists say the rebuilding will stimulate

strategist at Morgan Stanley & Co. in Tokyo. "It depends upon a sense of confidence that things are being done to clean up the mess" in the banking sector.

When Sumitomo Bank wrote off a big chunk of its bad loans last month in an effort to clean its books, the stock market soared in reaction. The current scandal is having the opposite effect, Mr. Kinmont said. He predicted the Nikkei index would not rise above 20,000 this year and said it might sink as low as 16,000.

Bulls agree that the market is ignoring earnings prospects but say it will not stay that way forever. "The market is almost immune to fundamentals," said Kathy Matsui, chief strategist in the Tokyo office of Goldman, Sachs & Co. "It's almost numb." She said the Nikkei could reach 23,000 in the next year.

Demand in Japan for some products, such as cars, is improving. Capital spending is also showing signs of increas-ing after several years of decline. This week, Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Honda Motor Co. and Canon Inc. all reported sharply higher earnings as a result of costcutting and improved de-

"We're at the threshold of a long period of growth," Mr. Bahrenburg of Merrill Lynch said, adding that the market could gain 50 percent to 60 percent in the next five years.

"Selling the stock market now is like walking into a fully loaded mousetrap," said Mr. Hill of Warburg, "If you are lucky you might be able to

BOJ Tells Of Inaction In Scandal **Over Banks**

Krughi-Ruider
TOKYO — Yasuo Matsushita, governor of the Bank of Japan, conceded Thursday that regulators at the central bank had taken no action for more than a year after learning in the summer of 1993 that two nowbankrupt credit cooperatives

were in trouble. Mr. Matsushita was testifying before the budget committee of the lower house of Japan's Parliament.

The collapse of the credit unions has turned into a nationwide scandal involving senior

Mr. Matsushita said that between "the summer of 1993 and the fall of 1994," a time in which bad loans at Tokyo Kyowa Credit Association and Anzen Credit Bank ballooned, the BOJ was merely "exchanging information" with bank regulators at the Finance Ministry and the Tokyo metropolitan government.

When the BOJ was informed about Kyowa and Anzen, "we concluded their problems were not serious enough for the BOJ to deal with" and decided only "thoroughly watch" how they would develop, he said.

About a year later, the central bank realized some "dras-tic" measures had to be taken and began working with the Finance Ministry and the Tokyo government on a bailout plan, Mr. Matsushita said.

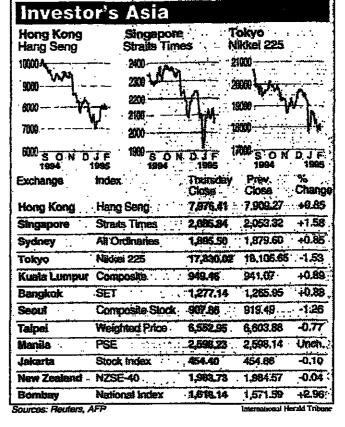
Masayoshi Nishimura, head of the banking bureau of the Finance Ministry, said the ministry's inspectors, at the request of the Tokyo government, helped local authorities investigate the two credit cooperatives as carly as August 1993.

By then, bad loans at Tokyo Kyowa and Anzen had surged to 78 percent of their combined

At that time, the ministry could have told the Tokyo governor to issue an order to suspend business at the banks.

But Mr. Nishimura said that would have caused liquidity problems for small businesses.

Separately, Agence France-Presse reported that Tomio Tsutsumi, who is in charge of domestic industry at the Minis-try of International Trade and Industry, called for the abolition of a 48-year-old ban on holding companies.



Very briefly:

Singapore said its consumer price index rose 3.4 percent in January from a year earlier.

• Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels Ltd. said its 1994 profit rose 23 percent, to 512 million Hong Kong dollars (\$66 million).

· Avala Land Inc., the Philippine property developer, and the shopping-mall magnate Henry Sy said they planned to join forces with the Dutch retailer SHV Makro NV to establish a wholesale supermarket chain in the Philippines.

 Nissan Motor Co.'s senior unsecured long-term debt rating was lowered by Moody's Investors Service Inc.

• India said it had enlisted the help of the American Red Adair to extinguish a fire at an oil well in Andhra Pradesh. • Samsung Co. will launch its passenger-car division in March, in a

project to be capitalized at 1 trillion won (\$1.2 billion). Japan's textile industry asked the government to aid the sector

by invoking emergency curbs on cotton imports from China, South Korea and Indonesia.

 Malaysia said it would explore building an assembly plant for its Proton automobile in Jakarta by 1997. Victor Co. of Japan said it planned to develop electronic

publishing software with Quark Inc., a Denver-based producer of computerized editing and publishing materials. • Ford Motor Co. said it became the first U.S. company to apply

for a vehicle-manufacturing license in Vietnam after it signed a joint-venture agreement with a local partner.

Cambodia said it planned to open a stock exchange and was working to ease procedures for foreign investment as part of a program to rebuild its war-devastated economy.
 AFP, AFX, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder, Reuters

Cable & Wireless Details NTT Pact

LONDON - Cable & Wireless PLC on Thursday provided details of its plans to invest in a unit of Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. that will run networks for lightweight portable telephones in Japan.

The British company said it would acquire 5 percent of NTT's Personal Handyphone System business.

U.S. Firms in Pay-TV Deal

SYDNEY — John Fairfax Holdings Ltd., the Australian publishing concern, said Thursday it would join the govern-ment-owned Australian Broad-(\$74 million) pay television ser-

The venture, called Australian Information Media, is to offer a 24-hour news channel in conjunction with Turner Broadcasting System Inc. Fairfax said that the new

company, along with another partner, Viacom Inc., would also deliver channels focused on dramatic, general and children's programs.
Fairfax said the Australian

Broadcasting Corp. would own 51 percent of the venture, while Fairfax and Cox would each own 24.5 percent. Other entrants in the young

pay-television industry include a partnership involving finan-cier Kerry Packer, who has recently come under regulatory investigation for increasing his stake in Fairfax, in a possible conflict with Australian media ownership laws.

Fairfax Joins Renison Wants to Buy Pancontinental

SYDNEY - Renison Goldfields Consolidated Ltd. launched a 440 million Australian dollar (\$325 million) takeover bid Thursday for a rival mining concern, Pancontinental Mining Ltd.

Pancontinental immediately rejected the offer as "entirely inadequate."

Renison plans first to spin off its gold operations into a new company, Goldcasting Corp. and the U.S. fields Ltd., which will then make the bid based Cox Cable for Pancontinental Then, one Goldfields Communications to develop a share and 2.10 dollars in cash would be 100 million Australian dollar offered for every three Pancontinental

shares. Renison has already acquired 14.9 percent of Pancontinental on the open The offer is highly conditional and part

tions.

of a complex restructuring of Renison, Vince Gauci, managing director of Pancontinental, said. Analysts agreed. "It's a hell of a messy deal. I cannot

really see the market liking it too much," said Peter Blight, mining analyst at Potter Warburg in Melbourne. Pancontinental's shares dropped 14

cents Thursday, to 1.65 dollars, while Renison's shares fell 30 cents, to 4.10. Pancontinental said the takeover would being controlled by Renison and its 40 percent owner, Hanson PLC of Britain. But Renison defended the bid and said

both sides would benefit from the deal. "We don't see it as complex," said Mark Bethwaite, Renison's managing director and chief executive. Meanwhile, Renison said it earned 32.5

million dollars before taxes in the second half of 1994, reversing a loss of 5.1 million dollars in the year-earlier period.

Renison's sales increased to 312 million dollars from 282 million dollars. (Reuters, AFX, Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)

Looming Laser-Disk War: Sony and Philips Decide to Stand and Fight

By John Markoff

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bled-sided disk format can be made Sony said Wednesday it would try to for the same cost as the single-sided Sony system.

The battle over storage capacity and manufacturing cost is significant. Ca-

GM Plans to Steer To Asian Markets

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche TAIPEI — General Motors Corp. plans to expand production in Asia as part of a strategy to double its market share there in five to 10 years, a company executive said Thursday.

"We've neglected Asia too long," said Louis R. Hughes, president of international operations for GM.

GM is evaluating plans to open automaking facilities, possibly in joint ventures with

Asian partners. Separately, Apple Computer Inc. said Thursday it planned to increase sales and market share in Asia by concentrating on pub-

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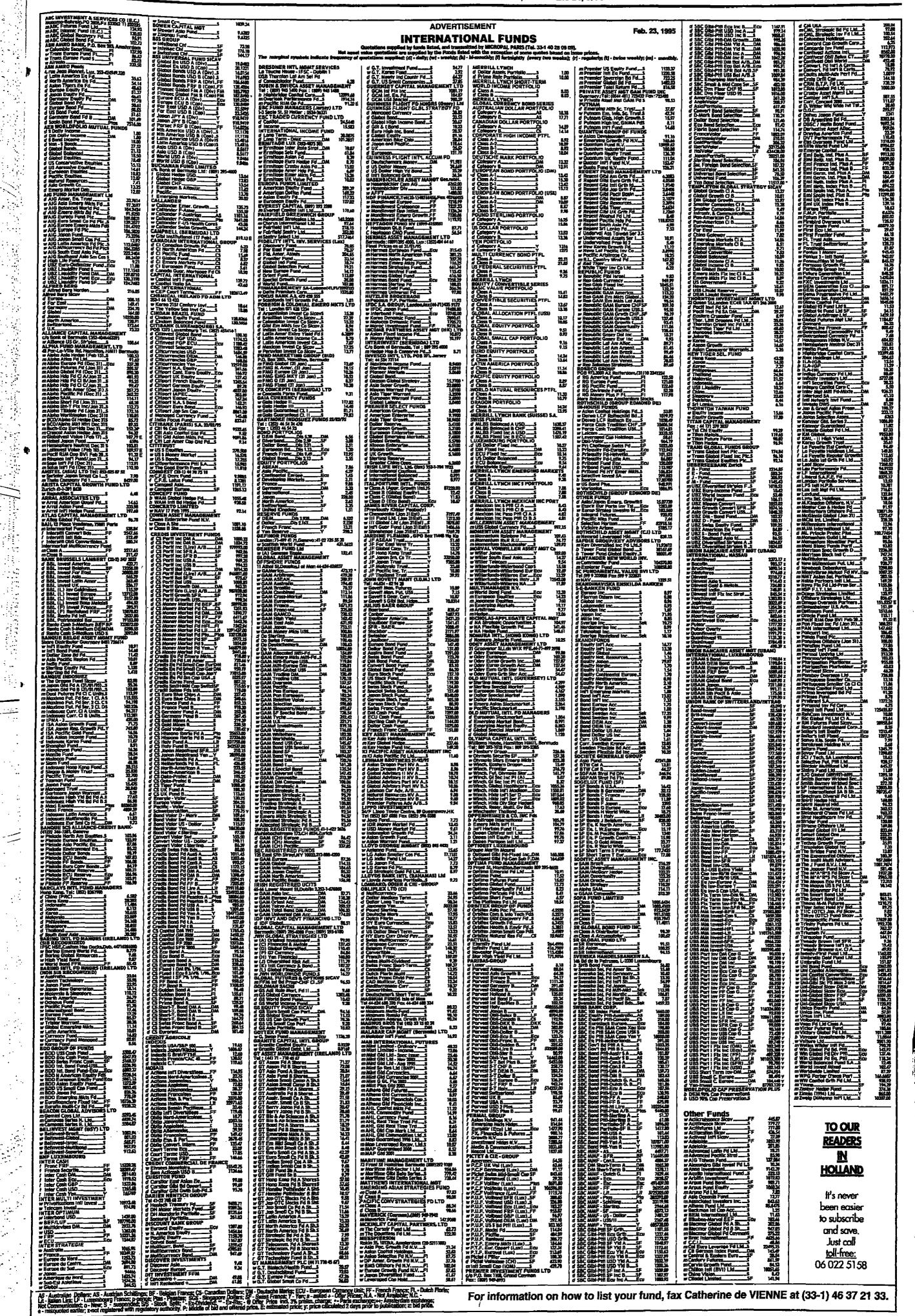
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Charles Barkley isn't easily impressed. After his team, the Phoenix Suns, was beaten Wednesday night by San Antonio, 105-100, Barkley said he didn't consider the Spurs a con-

"It's a three-dog race and the Spurs aren't one of them," said Barkley, who missed 15 of 22 shots against San Antonio.

They cannot beat us in a seven-game series, "We have a better team than they do. They played as good as they can tonight, and we did not play very good, and we still should have

San Antonio's Sean Elliott disagreed,
"You guys listen too much to Charles," said Elliott, who scored seven of his 19 points in the

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final two minutes before a season-high crowd of 34,215 at the Alamodome "I think it's good to be in our position. We

might be able to surprise some people." The Spurs, who trail first-place Utah by 2½ games in the Midwest Division, have won three "It was a struggle," said the Spurs' coach, Bob

Hill. "We had a lot of problems, but we stood in there and showed a lot of courage." David Robinson scored 34 points and Dennis

Rodman grabbed 24 rebounds for the Spurs, who took their first lead of the second half on Elliott's lay-up and foul shot with 1:48 left. "This team is getting a lot of confidence in those situations," Elliott said. "We believe we can go out there and finish teams off."

Phoenix has lost three of four after starting the month 5-1. The Suns, who lost to Boston on Tuesday night, have dropped two in a row for the first time this season, but still lead the Pacific

Division by three games over Scattle.
"I'm very proud of our team," said the Phoenix coach, Paul Westphal. "Coming back from last night was tough, but we played sensational defense. We did all we can do, but they got all the breaks. We're not crying, but it is too bad we

Pacers 113, Nets 94: In East Rutherford, New Jersey, Reggie Miller scored 27 points and Indiana shot 58 percent from the field to win its fourth consecutive game.

The loss spoiled Derrick Coleman's return to the Nets' lineup. He had 14 points and 10 re-bounds after missing six games with a chip fracture of his pelvis.

Bucks 100, Bullets: 92: Todd Day scored 21 points and ignited a late 7-0 run by the Bucks. Day made a 3-pointer to give Milwaukee its first lead of the fourth quarter, 89-88, with 2:49 left. Day then stole the ball from Calbert Cheaney, and Marty Conion hit a jumper to put the Bucks ahead 91-88. Cheaney scored 22 points for the visiting Bullets, who have lost 11 of 12 games.

Hornets 100, Kings 89: In Charlotte, North Carolina, Alonzo Mourning had 29 points and 17 rebounds for the Hornets. Muggsy Bogues and Larry Johnson each added 19 points for Charlotte, which used a 10-3 run to take a 72-58

lead late in the third quarter. Walt Williams led Sacramento with 28 points. Jazz 118, Clippers 109: Karl Malone scored 29 points and Utah, playing at home, used a 9-0 fourth-quarter run to beat Los Angeles.

After Pooh Richardson's jumper cut Utah's lead to 97-96 with 7:43 left in the fourth period. Malone and Adam Keefe combined for all nine of Utah's points during the decisive run. Richardson and Loy Vaught led the Clippers with 21 points each.

SuperSoules 120, Timberwolves 104: In Tacoma, Washington, Kendall Gill scored 15 of his career-high 34 points in the third quarter, and Shawn Kemp had 20 points and 13 rebounds for

Seattle led by 35 points twice, including 104-69 after three quarters, en route to its 15th straight victory over the Timberwolves. It was the 300th career victory for Seattle's coach, George Karl.

Lakers 112, 76ers 100: Anthony Peeler scored 21 points and Nick Van Exel 20 as the Lakers beat Philadelphia for the 11th straight time at

Willie Burton and reserve guard Jeff Grayer each scored 21 points for the 76ers, who haven't won at the Forum since capturing the last two games of the NBA finals in 1983.

Trail Blazers 107, Warriors 89: In Oakland, California, Rod Strickland scored 35 points, including 12 in the third quarter to help break the



Nets' guard Rex Walters heaves a pass between Reggie Miller, left, and Derrick McKey.

Whalers Jubilant **After Rare Victory** Over Bruins, 3-2

Beating the Boston Bruins was enough to make the Hartford Whalers' goalie Sean for his third goal in two games. Burke lose track of his 100th Soderstrom made 28 saves and National Hockey League vic-

Wednesday night. "It's kind of ironic, because I got my first win against Boston. It's nice. I mean since I've been here and before in the second. that -- had a little jinx against." Darren Turcotte scored with 2:01 left in overtime to give

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Hartford its first home victory over Boston in five games since November 1992.

'We didn't play a great game tonight, but we got a win and that's the bottom line," said Burke, 100-122-33 in seven seasons with New Jersey and Hart-

Geoff Sanderson and Chris Pronger also scored for Hartwhich was outshot 44-20 and failed to score on four power-play opportunities. Cam Neely and Ted Donato

scored for Boston. Red Wings 4, Maple Leafs 1: In Detroit, Shawn Burr and Dino Ciccarelli scored goals early in the second period as Detroit beat Toronto for the second time in three nights to increase its winning streak to

four games. Burr put the Red Wings ahead 47 seconds into the second when he put his own re-bound past Damian Rhodes. Ciccarelli made it 3-1 at 4:25, diving to beat Jamie Macoun to Paul Coffey's centering pass.

Vyacheslav Kozlov scored in the first period and Greg Johnson added an empty-net goal for Detroit.

Islanders 3, Sabres 2: Brad Dalgarno scored with 11:30 remaining in the third period as New York rallied from a 2-0

Craig Simpson put Buffalo ahead 3-2 when he poked a rebound past Tommy Soderstrom for his third goal in two games. Dominik Hasek stopped 26 shots for Buffalo.

"I forgot about that," said
Burke, who made 42 saves in chance scored power-play goals
Hartford's 3-2 overtime victory
Wednesday night. "It's kind of second period after Buffalo took a 2-0 lead on Wayne Presitonic because I got my first win ley's first-period goal and Doug this is a team we've always - Bodger's power-play goal early

> Blues 4, Sharks 3: Greg Gil-bert scored his second goal of the game with 1:24 remaining and Ian Laperriere had two goals and an assist as St. Louis, playing at home, improved to 12-1-0 lifetime against San Jose. Patrice Tardif assisted on all four goals and Gilbert also added an assist for St. Louis.

Pat Falloon ended Curtis Joseph's shutout bid at 8:09, and Tom Pederson and Sandis Ozolinsh scored in the closing minutes to tie the game. Oilers 2, Stars 1: In Edmon-

ton, Alberta, Todd Marchant scored with 1:09 remaining and Mike Stapleton added a powerplay goal with 36 seconds left.
Stapleton beat the Dallas
goalie Andy Moog just 12 seconds after the Stars defenseman Grant Ledyard was sent off for boarding. The goal was Edmonton's first in 35 power-play op-

portunities. Paul Broten opened the scoring with 1:54 left in the second

Bill Ranford made 36 saves for the Oilers, who ended a three-game losing streak.

Jets 4, Canucks 1: Darrin Shannon scored two goals as Winnipeg won at Vancouver in the first game between the teams since a fight-filled contest earlier this month.

Teemu Selanne, who had two assists for the lets, was injured in the Feb. 9 game when he was checked by Mike Peca. This time it was the Jets who did most of the heavy hitting.

Virginia Hammers Georgia Tech to Take ACC Lead

"At the end of two weeks, after we North Carolina, which stands 10-3 in conclude the regular season, if we are the ACC. still on top of the ACC, I'll enjoy that immensely," Jones said Wednesday with 17 points in his first start since night after his Cavaliers moved a half-game in front of idle North Carolina auto accident almost four weeks ago. by routing No. 24 Georgia Tech, 83-

The victory was Virginia's third 15 rebounds as the Terrapins continstraight over Georgia Tech since the Cavaliers stopped the Yellow Jackets' nine-game winning streak in the series. points for Maryland, which has won shots and individual plays," Jones said. "We made some really good deci- Fuller led N.C. State with 21 points. sions. There's no way I would have

dreamed this." Any dream about the game by Jones's Georgia Tech counterpart, Bobby Cremins, would have been a

That was our worst performance of the year," he said after Tech lost for

the third time in four games.
"We're all embarrassed," Cremins "We're all embarrassed," Cremins 0 against LSU since entering the said. "I'm really disappointed that we Southeastern Conference in 1992. didn't give Virginia a better game. We can make excuses, but there really are

no excuses Harold Deane and Junior Burrough

The Associated Press scored 19 points apiece, and Curtis Coach Jeff Jones is not about to Staples added 17 for the Cavaliers (19celebrate 11th-ranked Virginia's sur-prising lead in the Atlantic Coast Con-ference. 6, 11-3 in the ACC). Deane and Staples had five 3-point baskets each as Vir-ginia moved ahead of second-ranked

> James Forrest led Tech (16-10, 6-7) No. 7 Maryland 84, North Carolina State 71: Joe Smith had 20 points and

ued their homecourt mastery of the Wolfpack. Duane Simpkins added 16 "It wasn't just a matter of making six straight against State at Cole Field House since January, 1989. Todd

> Maryland, 15-0 at home this season, had five starters in double figures for the ninth time while giving Gary Williams his 100th victory as its coach.
>
> No. 8 Arkansas 92, LSU 90: Scotty
> Thurman stole the ball and passed it to Clint McDaniel, who sank the winning basket just before the buzzer sounded as the Razorbacks made their record 8-

Corhiss Williamson led Arkansas with 29 points, and McDaniel added

Ronnie Henderson led LSU with 28

points. Landers Nolley added 17 bia, Missouri, Erick Strickland had 27 points for the Tigers, who have lost points for Nebraska and Boone added eight of their last nine games.

No. 9 Villanova 78, Penn 74: Eric Eberz scored 25 points, and Jason Lawson added 20 as Villanova held off a late rally. Penn's Matt Maloney hit a

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

3-pointer with 21 seconds to play. bringing the Quakers to 75-74. Maloney led Penn with 25 points.

Penn's Jerome Allen missed a 25foot 3-point attempt with 5 seconds to play, and Villanova was able to preserve the victory with free throws in the final seconds by Eberz and Jona-

No. 10 Wake Forest 64, Cleanson 52: points in the second half, and Tim Duncan had 19 points and five blocks for the Demon Deacons, who won for

the seventh time in eight games.
Clemson got to 51-48, but made only two of its last seven shots. Meri Code had 15 points for the Tigers, losers of four straight.

as the Cornhuskers rallied at Colum- month.

Missouri's Paul O'Liney missed two free throws with 19 seconds left and the Tigers leading 75-74, then fouled Wald going for the rebound. O'Liney had 23 points. Sammie Haley, a sophomore hitting

career highs in points (24) and re-bounds (12), had given the Tigers the lead with a free throw. No. 16 Mississippi State 76, Vander-bilt 48: Darryl Wilson scored 23 points, and Erick Dampier dominated

inside with 17 points and 19 rebounds for the Bulldogs. With the victory, Mississippi State maintained a half-game lead over Ar-

kansas in the Southeastern Conference's Western Division with three Vanderbilt, a winner of its previous four games, was frustrated by Dampi-

er's defense. Chris Woods, who had scored 59 points in the previous three games, got just one in the game at

No. 18 Oktahoma State 70, Kansas State 46: The Cowboys got 17 points Nebraska 78, No. 14 Missouri 75: and 10 rebounds from Bryant Reeves, Tom Wald made two free throws with and allowed just one basket in the final 17 seconds left, and Jaron Boone add- 8 minutes. The Wildcats have lost 10 of ed a thunderous dunk 12 seconds later 11 since upsetting Oklahoma State last

The Cowboys, who have a big game coming up Saturday at No. 25 Oklaho-ma, led by only three points at halftime. Then Reeves scored six during a 16-6 run at the start of the second half that widened the lead to 41-28. Visiting Kansas State got 18 points

from Elliot Hatcher. No. 21 Purdue 64, Ohio State 55: Cuonzo Martin continued his onslaught against Ohio State by scoring

17 points, and Matt Waddell hit two important late jumpers as Purdue moved within a half-game of Michigan State's Big Ten lead. Ohio State's 5-19 record is its worst ver through 24 games. The Buckeyes' 1-13 mark in Big Ten play also is its

worst through 14 games in its 82 years of conference play. Bennett hit a free throw with six seconds remaining and followed it with a slam dunk in the final second for the Fighting Illini. Bennett finished with a

ta at Assembly Hall. With 20 seconds remaining in regulation and the score tied at 73, Minnesota's Voshon Lenard missed a free throw, and the game went into overtime. Lenard scored 24 points for the

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career-high 24 points as Illinois scored

its 16th straight victory over Minneso-

U.S. Yachts Tie in Cup Trials

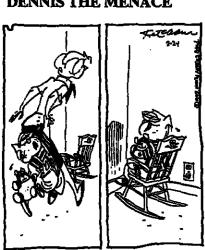
SAN DIEGO - A day after winning with the closest margin of the 1995 America's Cup trials, Dennis Conner's Stars & Stripes left no doubt Wednesday when it beat Young America by 1 minute, 33 seconds.

The victory was worth four points, pulling Stars & Stripes into a first-place tie with Young America for the Citizen Cup lead with 21 points. On Tuesday, Conner's boat beat Young-

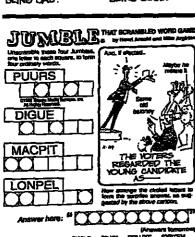
There are two more races left for the defenders in the thirdround-robin. The all-women America3 team, which has only seven points, will face Young America on Thursday and Stars

Team New Zealand went 6-0 in the third round with its defeat of Sydney 95 by 3:18, and oneAustralia took sole possession of second place in the Louis Vuitton Cup standings when it beat NZL-39 by 3 minutes. With Team New Zealand (40 points), oneAustralia (33), and NZI-39 (29) dominating the foreign fleet, Nippon (18) and France 3 (15) will be fighting for survival in round-robin four, which begins

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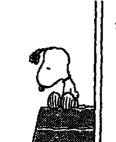
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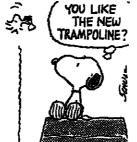
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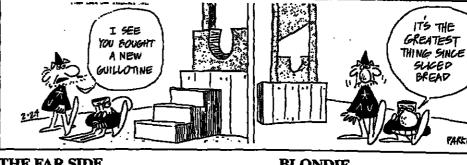




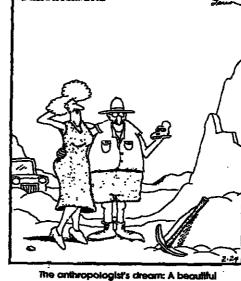


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"Dealing with HIV was real-

ly difficult for me because I felt like, God, the U.S. Olympic

Committee needs to know

this," he said.
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He said he was paralyzed with fear that there would be

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Louganis said he was dis-

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Herald Tribune **SPORTS**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1995

Team Chief Makes Plea For Cantona

MANCHESTER, England - Manches ter United's chairman, Martin Edwards, appealed on Thursday to the English Football Association not to impose a further ban on the team's French star, Eric Can-

Cantona, already suspended for the remainder of the season by the Premier League champions United, is to appear before a football association disciplinary committee on Friday to answer charges after his clash with a Crystal Palace supporter as Cantona was being sent off durng a match in London last month.

Edwards said: "I hope the severity of punishment Manchester United have imposed will be taken into consideration and, at best, that they will decide the punishment we have given is sufficient.

"I'd be disappointed if the FA banned him from playing football permanently in

this country," Edwards said.
United's director and club attorney.
Maurice Watkins, will represent Cantona before a three-man committee on Friday at St. Albans, north of London.

Edwards' comments followed remarks by the player's French lawyer, Jean Jacques Bertrand, that he feared Cantona could be handed a worldwide life ban.

In an interview published Thursday in the French sports daily L'Equipe, Ber-trand said: "He faces exclusion, the extension of his ban to all federations. He could be banned from playing soccer for the rest

"My No. 1 objective is to find a solution Eric will not resent as an injustice. He accepted his club's sanctions, but if the FA's are too heavy, he won't be able to

Cantona, who was charged with common assault over the same incident by police on Tuesday, is scheduled to appear before a court in South London on March

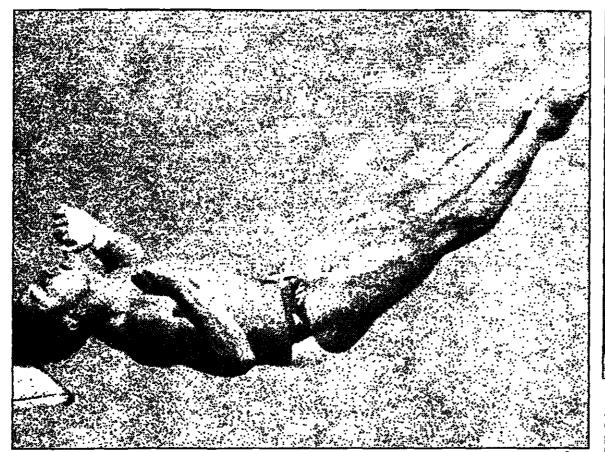
World Cup Season Ends for Wachter

VIENNA — Anita Wachter, Austria's top woman skier, will miss the rest of the World Cup season after undergoing surgery to repair torn ligaments in her left knee and ankle, the Austrian Press Agency

Wachter, 28, who had arthroscopic surgery on her left knee three years ago, was injured in a fall during practice Wednes-

"Naturally, this is bitter now, when I was in such good form," APA quoted the 1993 World Cup champion as saying late Wednesday.

Wachter won the combined gold medal in the 1988 Olympics and was second in the 1992 Olympics. She has won 12 World Cup races in her 10-year career.





After injuring his head on the diving board, left, Greg Louganis went on to win the gold at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.

How Will World Receive Diver's Sad News?

International Herald Tribune

L ONDON — Six months after realizing he was infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, Greg Louganis was diving in the 1988 Olympic Games when the thumping, flapping springboard clipped his head in midair like a bat clipping a baseball. He crashed into the pool one story below, panicked and dumbfounded; 10 minutes later a doctor had put five stitches into his head and Louganis was back on the diving board, qualifying for the Olympic finals to be held the next day.

Those of us who came to the pool the following day saw something heroic, though none of us knew he really

might die relatively soon. It was enough

that Louganis was launching

himself into his ballet, spinning and extending within reach of the board that might have para-

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lyzed or killed him.
"If you want to quit right now, Greg, that's fine," said his coach, Ron O'Brien, as Louganis pressed his hand against his wound, trying futilely to hold in the blood. "You've had a wonderful career, you've done tremendous things. It's strictly

If Louganis had had cancer or a brain tumor or almost any other disease capable of taking his life, we would have glorified him for his immortal human spirit. But the coach was coaching on a deeper level than we knew. The doctor who stitched him up didn't know, either. The U.S. Olympic team didn't know. He was frightened not only of his secret but more so the threat that it might spread and infect others; and this was on top of his more obvious head injury, the threat of the chattering board, and the competition hoping he might unravel.

When he sobbed in the coach's arms after winning the gold medal, I worked to remember it because there wouldn't be many performances more heroic than this. I didn't know the half of it. keep his terrible secret until this week.

When AIDS is understood better, Louganis might be hailed as a Jackie Robinson for the disease. Sadly, Louganis might not live to hear it. For him to become such a hero, things are going

to have to get worse before getting better. I worry that Louganis's revelation that he is suffering from AIDS may be read as further "evidence" that only homosexual men, intravenous-drug users and the occasional medical patient are at risk.

Though Louganis "came out" only last year, it was widely known in 1988 that he was gay. He now joins the tragic group of American athlete-celebrities led by Arthur Ashe, who died in 1993 after contracting the virus from a blood transfusion, and Magic Johnson, who retired from fulltime basketball after learning he had HIV in 1991.

Johnson, who has yet to develop AIDS, was supposed to stand as worldwide proof that heterosexuals are susceptible to the virus. Johnson said he caught the disease after a decade of having unprotected sex with "as many women as I could." But many American athletes seem to have missed the point.

They claim, hush-hush, that Johnson is bisexual, and that he must have caught the disease from gay sex. One of the highest-paid athletes in America swore to me that Johnson was "sexually confused." He said his sources were absolutely certain. "You can't get AIDS from a woman," he

Johnson says he isn't bisexual. Whether he is or isn't, it doesn't really matter. Who's to say how he caught the disease?

Professional athletes are our modern playboys physically attractive and strong, charismatic, wealthy, traveling from city to city for public display. As playboys, they are also poster boys for this sexually-transmitted disease. How many are infected with HIV without realizing it? How many realize that they're at risk and don't want to know it? How many refuse to believe they're at risk at all?

On the whole, they are driven by the same mores, the same fears, that forced Louganis to

Driven by Magic Johnson, the National Basket-ball Association and other leagues have been working to educate their players of the threat, but there is little feeling that the climate has changed drastically in America. Less than two years ago The Washington Post asked Shaquille O'Neal about contracting HIV, and he said, "Studies show she has to be active. Like if she has the virus but she's not active, and you do it to her . . . it might not happen."

Shaq" is probably the world's best-known basketball player, not counting the baseball player Michael Jordan. Under no circumstances could basketball afford to lose him. The following autumn, when the Magic came to England for a pair of exhibition games, I asked the team general manager, Pat Williams, whether he had tried to enlighten O'Neal out of concern for his health.

He replied that the players attend seminars and there was no excuse for them to misunderstand the truth. I tried to point out that it wasn't working in O'Neal's case, but Williams said, "It's their responsibility. We can only make the information available to them. The rest is up to them."

F course he was right. On the other hand, Or course he was right. On the greatest players are business investments, the leagues can force random tests on each known drug-user in order to protect the player from himself. But how could that principle be applied to the bedroom?

I worry that the next generation of celebrated AIDS cases are going to bring some of the strongest, most famous athletes to their knees, in their

prime. They will educate the public further, and you will begin reading in the newspapers about the sexual activities of athletes as surely as you now read allegations of their drug use. The information fare of others, but very fortuwill be dispensed as a sort of deterrent; but if it comes to that, it will come too late for some of the strongest men who will have had no idea they were sick until they begin to die. And if it all goes bad. then people might eventually look for strength from someone like Greg Louganis, who in 1988 knew he had a fatal disease and struggled to win.

Gold Medalist Greg Louganis Says He Has AIDS

By Richard Sandomir New York Times Service

Greg Louganis, the 1984 and 1988 Olympic gold medal diver, who publicly acknowledged his sexuality at last year's Gay Games in New York, said he has AIDS.

In an interview with ABC's "20/20" that will be broadcast Friday, Louganis said he knew he was HIV-positive before the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, and was greatly concerned when he hit his head on the board during a

dive and shed blood in the pool. Since the Seoul Games, enough time has passed for Louganis's infection to develop into AIDS, according to the definition established by the National Centers for Disease Control.

"According to the CDC, I have AIDS versus HIV." Louganis told Barbara Walters, the 20/20" interviewer. "I do have

Louganis, 35, joins two other major athletes who said they had AIDS or were infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Magic Johnson left the Los Angeles Lakers in 1991 after saying he was infected with HIV. Arthur Ashe, the tenms star, died two years ago of AIDS-related causes.

Louganis has written a book, Breaking the Surface," which will be released next week, in which he discusses his career, including winning four Olympic gold medals, as well as his upbringing and his sexuality.

he thought the blood would be diluted by the water. A doctor stitched up Louganis's two-inch cut without wearing protective gloves. Longanis said he did not tell the doctor he was HIV-positive.

"I was so stunned," he said. This had been an incredibly In the television interview, guarded secret. You could Longanis told Walters that six throw the entire competition months before the 1988 Olyminto a state of alarm."

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LOS ANGELES - Greg Louganis says he worried about spreading his AIDS virus to others during a bloody diving accident in the 1988 Games, but medical experts say it would be virtually impossible to do.

"It's laudable that he has that particular concern for the welnately HIV is not transmitted this causing transmission to be that way," said Dr. Gary Co- infinitesimal." In addition to han, an internist with Pacific the virus-killing potential of Oaks Medical Group. "Even if chlorine, Dr. Katz said that "inthe pool was not chlorinated tact skin or mucous membranes and somebody dove in after are totally effective barriers to him, there would be a minimal-

to-zero risk that any other athlete would contract HIV through swimming in the same pool that contained Greg's HIV-positive blood."

Added Dr. Mark Katz, regional HIV-AIDS physician coordinator for Kaiser Permanente of Southern California: "Clearly there are several things

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By Mitchell Owens New York Times Service

MAHOPAC, New York — As a U. S. Foreign Service officer, Karla Reed endured wars, disruptive transcontinental moves and administrative red tape, all in the name of American diplomacy. But her most challenging assignment is taking place here where she is coaxing a burnt-out castle back to life.

Yes, a castle. The eccentric Victorian house, where Reed has lived since June, has looming stone walls and a spiderwebbed basement that looks like a dungeon (it's just as dank, too). Out front is an elevated slab of field stone that projects from the porch into the drive

like a drawbridge.
"That's so people could step out directly from a carriage without putting their feet on the ground," Reed said. Sadly, there is no moat, but the Castle - as the landmark is known around the neighborhood -- is an imposing structure all the same.

"People here are very propri-etary about it," said Reed, who is in her early 50s and recently retired after a 20-year career that included a stint as consul general in Riyadh. She inherited the Castle from her mother, who died in 1992.

"My mother used to find people having picnics on the lawn," Reed said. "She didn't mind the attention, but being invaded, that was too much, which accounts for the hem-Castle from the road.

Reed said the Castle's original owner was reputedly an English immigrant who made good in the architectural salvage business. Around 1880, he built a five-bedroom version of ment," Koplowitz said. Reed the medieval English manor nodded in assent, then wryly where his father had worked as added, "In other words, I can't a gardener, complete with folk afford to restore it properly."

Europe

art-style floors made of mismatched encaustic tiles and bits of marble.

Reed's mother, the founder of Manhattan secretarial service, found the crenellated relic in 1961 and bought it for \$31,500. Eleven years later, a spark from the chimney sent the Castle up in flames, destroying its shingle-clad second floor and a smaller third floor, which contained unused servants' quarters. Only the first floor, wrapped in field stone and picturesque volcanie rock, survived. Stubbornly, Faith Reed stayed on, her daughter said, "doing what she could to

keep it up."

Karla Reed is taking up more active residence. Aided by Daniel Koplowitz, a young Brook-lyn architect who helped restore the historic Alice Austen House on Staten Island, she is transforming the topless wreck back into a gracious home.

To keep total costs below the \$160,000 budget, she intends to do much of the interior renovation herself - installing moldings, flooring, bathroom tiles, carpeting and later, a new

"For someone who hates being bored, this seemed as good a retirement project as any," she said, sipping coffee from a mug emblazoned with a telling mot-to; "The Best Man for the Job Is a Woman!" "T'm giving myself over to it totally for three years, and maybe by then I'll know what I want to do with the rest of my life."

Currently, she is camping out locks that partially conceal the in a little room tucked into a corner of the first floor. "I'm very anxious to get out of here,

as you can imagine," Reed said. The Castle is being resuscitated, but it is not being replicated. "Call it 'creative reinstate-

Malcolm X Documentary Causes Uproar

By Malcolm Gladwell Washington Post Service

NEW YORK — Jack Baxter, the man behind "Brother Minister," is white, in the way that Irish guys from the Bronx are white, which is to say that he calls money "dough" and has a little green cloverleaf on his lapel. Five years ago, just before he began his documentary on the assassination of Malcolm X, he did not know who Malcolm X was. He

colm X, he did not know who Malcolm X was. He was working as the head of security in a homeless shelter in New York and doing a project that never went anywhere with the guy who released the optically enhanced version of the Zapruder film of the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Then he met a former Malcolm X bodyguard, who was on the stage in Harlem when Malcolm was gunned down 30 years ago. He read "The Autobiography of Malcolm X." On the skimplest of budgets, he began to make a movie, a home video really, about a world he only dimly understood. And now, here he is, on the brink of the release of "Brother Minister." in the midst of a full-scale national shout-Minister," in the midst of a full-scale national shouting match. He's been on more radio and TV shows than he can count. He's been threatened "so many times I'm getting tired of it." The Nation of Islam thinks he's part of an "unholy alliance."

What has taken Baxter so high is a one-minute clip 90 minutes into "Brother Minister" — a grainy videotape of Louis Farrakhan addressing a Nation of Islam meeting two years ago in Chicago. Farrak-han's subject is Malcolm X, his onetime mentor-turned-antagonist, who angrily split from the Na-tion and its founder Elijah Muhammad just before he was assassinated in a Harlem dance hall. Two of the three men convicted in the killing were members of the Nation of Islam.

"I loved Elijah Muhammad enough that if you attacked him, I would kill you," Farrakhan says in the segment, "Yesterday. Today. And tomorrow. And I'm not a killer, and neither are you. But if someone attacked what you loved, each one of you in here would become a killer instantaneously. Am I

lying? ... We don't give a damn about no white man law when you attack what we love."

"And frankly, it ain't none of your business," he continues, addressing the white world outside. "Did you teach Malcolm? Did you make Malcolm? Did you clean up Malcolm? Did you put Malcolm out before the world? Was Malcolm your traitor or was he ours? And if we dealt with him like a nation deals with traitors, what the hell business is it of yours?"

"Brother Minister" does not come out and accuse Farrakhan of ordering the killing of Malcolm X. It does not have to. When Betty Shabazz, Malcolm X's widow, was shown the segment on a television show a year ago, she said that "everybody talked about" Farrakhan's involvement in Malcolm X's death and that within the Nation of Islam his assassination was considered a "badge of honor." The tabloids picked



Filmmaker Baxter: A shouting match.

up her comments. The Nation of Islam filed a \$4.4 billion defamation suit against the New York Post. Then, the day after the film's January premiere in Minneapolis and New York City, the FBI an-nounced the indictment of Malcolm X's daughter, Oubilah Shabazz - who at the age of 4 saw her father gunned down - for hiring an assassin for a revenge hit on Farrakhan. The timing, even Baxter admits, was too perfect. The day of her indictment. he says, she went to see "Brother Minister." In the space of 24 hours, "Brother Minister" had gone

from movie to news event to the stuff of conspiracy. The question is, just who is Jack Baxter? Where does he get his money? What is his portfolio?" asks Conrad Muhammad, spokesman for Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam. "I saw 'Brother Minister' on Wednesday night and Thursday Qubilah Shabazz was arrested for threatening the life or the honorable Minister Farrakhan. It seems to me that there was a plan to premiere the movie in New York City, to draw a crowd, to get people upset, the next morning arrest Qubilah Shabazz, and that this would be enough to set off a schism in the black community.

The timing was just too coincidental."

At first, Baxter thought that because he was white

he couldn't make "Brother Minister." "All I wanted to be was the writer. I tried to get an African American to direct it, but nobody would touch it. Then I realized that this wasn't about race. It was about religion, and if anyone could tell the story of a true believer I could, because I was a true believer."

Baxter was a true believer because in 1970, at the age of 18, he left the Bronx and set out across the country, ending up with a band of "Jesus freaks" on Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles. He would stay with them for seven years, inside a tight-knit movement led by a messianic preacher. Only when things went sour did he manage, painfully, to break away. His experience, he maintains, was the Christian equivalent of the Nation of Islam.

"I was saved by an organization that most people would call a dangerous religious cult. If I hadn't run into the Jesus freaks on Hollywood Boulevard, I know I'd be dead. When you're with people who have such miracles in their lives, do you claim it was all had become the such miracles in their lives, do you claim it was all bad because things go awry? It's just like the Nation of Islam. There are guys in there who were killers, jailbirds like Malcolm X. But it saved them."

It is this perspective, Baxter's appreciation of the ambiguity of the Nation, that gives "Brother Minister" its shape. The camera moves back and forth among a wide range of Malcolm X's friends, contemporaries and enemies, presenting detailed and sometimes conflicting versions of his final days. What unfolds is a complex picture of the climate of hostility that grew between Malcolm X and his former compatriots in the Nation of Islam, how that hostility was fanned by the FBI, and how those who

fought with Malcolm X live with that history today. Repeatedly, over the last few months of his life, as he moved towards the nonviolent, racially inclusive teachings of traditional Islam, Malcolm X said that he was a marked man, that the Nation of Islam would seek to punish him. "Brother Minister" asks

what role Farrakhan played in all of this.

Were the killers of Malcolm X from the Nation of Islam's Newark Mosque, the film asks? And if so, why was Louis Farrakhan in the Newark Mosque on the day of Malcolm X's assassination?

This suggestion, coupled with the striking clip of Farrakhan's speech two years ago, is what has so incensed the Nation. "Why now? Why didn't they say this in the 1960s and the 1970s?" asks Conrad Muhammad. "It's because Minister Farrakhan is the most popular leader in the black community.

They know this is a sore spot in the history of the Nation of Islam. They keep raising this issue in the public to stop the rise and the effectiveness of the Honorable Louis Farrakhan."

The clip, Conrad Muhammad says, although accurate "in terms of the words," was wrenched out of context from a three-hour speech.

Baxter, for his part, says he repeatedly approached Farrakhan to have him tell his side of the story but was rebuffed.

PEOPLE

Missing Actor Worries London Theater World

The actor Stephen Fry has not been heard from since he abruptly quit the play "Cell Mates" in London, and his colleagues say they are worried. He has not been in contact since his last performance, on Saturday, three days after the play opened.
Stephen Fry expressed in a letter to me his great distress at what he considered to be his failure as an actor," said Simon Gray, who wrote and directed the play. His sudden departure is the culmination of years of pressure, overwork and unrelenting, self-sacrificing generos-ity. Our main concern is for his safety and well-being."

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Jarry Baker, 41, who was adopted by the performer Josephine Baker when he was a month old, has met his biological mother and sister. Jarry Baker, who was born in Finland, said his mother, who does not want her name divulged, placed him in a home for children in Helsinki, and when Josephine Baker was on tour there she decided to adopt him.

Anneka Rice is claiming a record for flying around the world on scheduled passenger flights, beating the previous mark by 23 minutes. London-to-London time: 43 hours and 43 minutes. Rice hosts a British TV program in which she takes on dares.

WEATHER

Forecast for Saturday through Monday, as provided by Accu-Weather.



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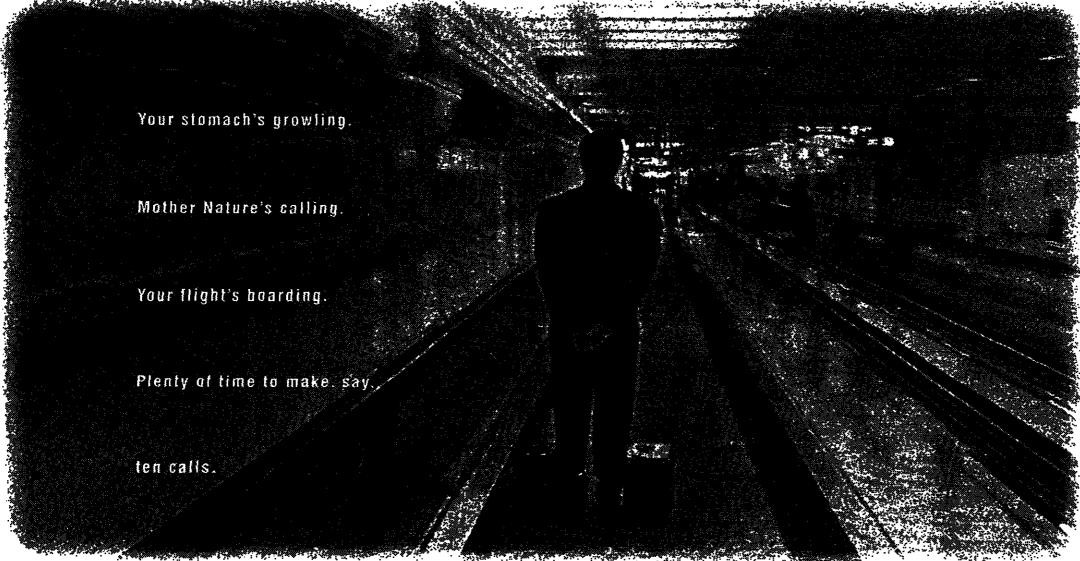
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